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Bangalore city improvement.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 21, 22 26, 28, 39, 60, 42, 50 57, 52, 53 54, 59, 63 + 66

Part B for 9 January 20

SUBJECT

Bangalore City Improvements

The President, City me Council, Bangalore
Chairman, City Improvement Committee &
Chief Engineer of Mysore
No R 7477-9 Dated 7 1 20

Approves of the site plans of the proposed Town Hall and the municipal Office buildings and calls for the detailed estimate and plans prepared separately ~~for the two~~ buildings

D 1250—GPB—30 000 28-1-19

D 8539.

Dest No 309

Mr. Ch. Bhowmik
Drainage Scheme
Jessore. It is understood
that the Scheme as
submitted by you
is

Rev. they with
compliments

2 Also thank you
Tumtala and ...
I understand the
allotment of 3 lacs
is made.
The Fishery has or
rather the Forest Dept.
the Schemes chosen
but there will
be a round about
Inquiries may be made
3-Pabna
Tuesday early

G.R.S III—9]

ROUTINE NOTES.

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We have been much delay in regard to the drainage scheme. The E.E. may be asked to bring them at the next E.E. meeting. The minutes should be submitted.

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To 8539

(1) Bangalore City Drainage scheme

4 From the office note (blue) it may be seen that the files on the subject were sent unofficially to the Chief Engr in May 1918 and that this office has been requested to return the files with his opinion within 15 days from 10 12 1918. As directed by the Dewan the President has been requested to report whether the Mund Council is able to raise a loan for their share of cost.

(ii) Town Hall & Mund Offices

5 The sch for above approved in G O no 546-5 Mul 94-16-36 of 19 2 1917 was altered in accordance with G O no 1813 b Mul 87-17-5 of 22 9 17

The Govt contribution to the city Mund for the improvement works is 2 lakhs for 1918-19. Please see paras of G O 6317-20 Mul 87-17-32 of 9th May 1918

From the Chief Engr's note on pp 3-5 of Mul 87-17 it may also be seen that it has been agreed

decided

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ROUTINE NOTES

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by the Sub Committee to have only the ground floor + the 1st floor + to count the rest for the present. Please see also the resolutions of that Committee on the subject.

13.12.18 — to Submitted for perusal

13/12/18

Sir Steward

24/12
14.12.19

7 Forwarded, with compliments, to the Secy to Govt Punj, with ref to the orders on previous page.

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GO No 46 of 1918
dt 16.12.18

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Routine Notes.

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Ref No. 162/PWD
Dated the 19th December 1918

REVENUE.
21 DEC 1918
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8 Returned, with compliments, to the Revenue Secretary to Government.

2. The sewerage scheme is under scrutiny in this office and will be returned in a week.

3. The plans and estimates the foundations and basement were scrutinized by this office and sent to the President for further action under this office No.P.13029 dated 19th November 1918.

4 The Improvement Committee has appointed Messrs B.Subba Rao, D'Cruz and Sundaramiar to inspect the foundations when the excavations are advanced.

R. Sundaram
For Secretary to Government,
P.W.Department

Bangalore,
17th December 1918.

Accompaniments —
2 Sheets Routine Note

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26-12-18

REPLY

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D 8974

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE

Dated 20th December *191* 8

9 The Revenue Secretary is requested to issue orders demi officially to the President of the Bangalore Municipality stating that, pending further instructions in the matter, work on the construction of the Town Hall and Municipal Offices may be held in abeyance

The Secretary,
Revenue Department.

20.12

10- Issue draft Rs 0 at once

20 12 18

Issued.
Vide No 7832 dt 20 12 18

REPLY

(*To be written on this margin*)

GFS—8.

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Office of the Dewan of Mysore.

NOTE

Dated 23rd December *1918*

Bangalore Town Hall & Municipal OFFICES

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In continuation of my Note No 2508 dated the 20th December 1918, the Revenue Secretary is requested to obtain a note from the Chief Engineer on the following points -

1 Extra cost on the scheme due to soil and foundations being not up to expectations

2 Change of design involved

3 Total cost if original design is adhered to

4 Was Government sanction obtained for all the changes ?

and

5 Is it desirable to adhere to the made up soil site for the structure?

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The Secretary

Revenue Department

Sel-Sec

1st Draft.

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A draft is put up

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26.12.18

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From S Cadambi Esq, Secy, Pwd
D O No 116 dt 28 1 19

States as follows –

That (1) the provision for foundation and basement is likely to be exceeded by nearly a lakh of rupees,

(2) the building as originally designed was one of 3 floors & was changed to one of 2 floors as the accommodation provided was found too much & also in order to reduce the total cost as well as load on foundation

(3) the total cost may come to Rs 7 lakhs if the original designs is adhered to,

(4) the Govt sanction has not been obtained either to the original or the changed design but actions taken from time to time has been reported to Govt and

(5) it is a matter for orders whether under the stated circumstances if it is absolutely necessary to adhere to the new site now selected in spite of the extra cost & special precautions requisite

Refer. – Para 4

Note Re the site originally sanctioned & subsequently altered, please see note flagged.

Note—Contin sheet
Recd 4/2/19

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Put up. Flag C
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Please put up a brief statement as to how the site is suitable
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P U D		The report of the chief engineer is submitted for. The report of the forman said to have been appointed to investigate the question has not yet been rec'd. MK 6 2 19
~~C. Brief history of the case~~		Revised.
4429 7-2-19		Dewan, 10 Please the Dr has paid Rs 100 as a nearly fee already. 20 The Chief engr the Drainage office may kindly have any observations or Comp re the Sale. 21 In the mean time proceed of the whole case with Chief Engr note & my action to suspend work may be prepd forthwith. 22 The Dr has appealed to the Minister. Hence the demand should wait when the report may be expected.
Put up - Please see ml 87-17 - pt 36, 37, 39 & 50 - (Flag N)	(1)	Put up. Please MK
Flag N collection of Dos received from the Drainage office is pending. No fees are said to be forthcoming from the Commissioner	(2)	Send by hand to Chief Engr
	Bring up	
	(3)	
Please P U D 2	(4)	
		Arthur - Please take further action, as above - MK 2-2-19

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~~Will have one to draft & submit.~~

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To K. S. Puttanna Chetty Esqre

D.O. No. 10221 of 13 12 19

Requests ~~him~~ to be informed whether the Subcommittee appointed by him has met and when a report of this Committee may be expected -

From the same Officer

D.O. of 14 2 19

States that the Committee has met twice & will finally meet on Monday, 24th Febr 1919 & that on receipt a copy of the report of the Committee would be subd. to Govt & also placed at an early meeting of the Bangalore City Improvement Committee whose resolution would in due course also be subd to Govt

From the Same Officer

No. 330 of 21 2 1919

Submits a copy of the report of the Committee to the effect the approved site for the Town Hall & Municipal Offices should not be given up unless it is found practically impossible to build on it & that for reasons given the Municipal Offices only may be built on the

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24 A pinch of the whole case is submitted including the subsequent report and.
Refer Remainder page 19 to 22

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Secretary,

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25 Information may be obtained above on following pts
1 Interest of shifting Pwestatn
2. Cost incurred upto date with Tum Hale Scheme including forest clearance &c
3. Amount paid to Mr Fatehchand
4. What is the kind of land required for Govt contribution towards the T.H. canal, whether 90 of 9 s-15 may 2/3 of Total curry works included in the years prog. If there is no Govt promise then this should note.
5. What steps were taken by the Mr Fatehchand performed by sharing the business for the expense paid

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Refer – Para 25

27 Information on points 1, 2, 3 & 5 is furnished in the President's D.O. of 15th March 1919.

28 With regard to point 4, Govt have in G.O. of 9.5.1918 made an implied promise to pay a contribution of 2/3rds cost for Town Hall & Municl office, on the basis that the cost is estimated for 5½ lakhs.

DAM 20/3/19

29 Reference is invited to Flag J, para 3. Though the promise of Govt is to pay 2/3rds cost of the entire scheme estimated at 13.07 lacks of rupees, as shown in the approved programme attached thereto, it will be seen from that programme that Govt. contribution in the case of each work is fixed 2/3rds of the cost shown therein. Apart from this there is no separate understanding regarding the financing of the Town Hall Scheme.

~~With regard to point 6, kind attention is invited to para 4 of the President's letter.~~

file is called for by the Dewan's office today as it has to be sent to H.H. his Highness

General and Revenue Secretariat

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32 *Submitted to His Highness.*

The construction of the Town Hall and Municipal Office buildings is one of the City Improvement Schemes proposed by the Bangalore City Improvement Committee in a triennial programme of such schemes prepared in 1914 The work was originally estimated to cost roughly Rs 2 lakhs and the Reserve Police Parade ground in the Fort had been selected as the site for the said buildings Administrative sanction was accorded in Government Order No 1297-347/M1 112-14-13 dated 13th August 1915 to a general scheme of City Improvements of which the present subject formed one of the items, and a contribution of two-thirds cost was promised on the basis of the rough estimates In para 3 of this Order the site in the Fort was not approved and a different site near the market and Doddanna Hall was suggested

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2 With reference to the above Order, the President of the Municipal Council reported in his letter dated 23rd July 1916 that the change of site of the proposed buildings to the Market Square involved the diversion of the City main drain at a rough cost of Rs 40,000/- thus increasing the rough estimate for the buildings-project to Rs 2,40,000

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3 During the Dewan's inspection of the City Improvement works on 31st July 1916 and 16th August 1916, it was arranged that these buildings should be located on the site now occupied by the Bamboo Bazaar where the Hoskota and Kalasipalya roads met, the locality which was rather low, being, however, improved by effective drainage

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4. A responsibility sheet in this connection was issued with Government Order dated 3rd November 1916, which required the President of the Municipal Council to take necessary action in consultation with Mr D'Cruz for the preparation of detailed plans and estimates and for the acquisition of properties required for the whole scheme

5 The President in his demi-official letter dated the 24th November 1916 brought to the notice of the Dewan that the Town Hall and the Municipal Offices were intended to be two separate buildings, the latter forming a prominent feature of the proposed new market square and the former being, if possible, located on the site of the Electric Transformer House A memorandum containing a discussion of the subject in the City Improvement Committee was also enclosed for perusal (vide paras 4 and 5 of the memo)

6 The President in his letter dated 20th January 1917, submitted for orders of Government, a copy of the resolution of the City Improvement Committee regarding the lay out of the buildings after consideration of the several designs prepared in this connection and recommended the design of Mr D'Cruz to locate the buildings on either side of the Hoskote road running through the Bamboo Bazaar In Government Order dated 19th February 1917 approval was accorded to the lay out of the Municipal Offices and the Town Hall buildings on this site as proposed by the City Improvement Committee and the President was requested to submit detailed plans and estimates

7. With a view to the formation of the sites for the buildings in question, the properties in the triangular area in the Bamboo Bazaar estimated at

Rs.26,426 were notified for acquisition and actually acquired on payment of Rs.24,526. The remaining properties in this area required for the Town Hall were not notified or acquired as this site was subsequently given up.

The properties required for the diversion of the main drain were also notified but when the question of diversion was ultimately given up, of the properties notified, only those required for the other schemes were acquired and the rest were withdrawn from the declaration.

8 Mr. Fritchley, Architect, who, when he was here in July 1917, was requested to inspect the proposed site for the two buildings, recommended to the Bangalore City Improvement Committee the Transformer House site for the location of both these buildings on account of aesthetic, financial and other advantages, involving the removal elsewhere of the Transformer A Station. The Committee approved of this site on the 10th July 1917 though at their subsequent meeting on the 18th idem their previous approval was modified to the extent and effect that it would be better to avoid the Kalyani or pond and place the buildings as shewn by Mr. Fritchley in an alternative plan, as the trial pits dug revealed insufficient consolidation and looseness of the filled earth These resolutions of the City Improvement Committee were forwarded by the President with his letter dated 12th and 18th July 1917 respectively for the orders of Government

9. For reasons given in Dewan's letter No 5189 dated 5th September 1917, sanction of His Highness was obtained for the following items and communicated in Government Order No.1813-6 dated 22nd September 1917 -

(i) Location of the Town Hall and Municipal Office Buildings on the plot of ground adjoining the Electric Transformer House including a portion of the site on which the latter stands at present.

(ii) Shifting of the Transformer Station to the Triangular bit of land opposite the old Sowar lines on the Subedar Chattram Road at an estimated cost of Rs.4,36,183/-

(iii) Preparation by Mr. Fritchley of detailed plans, estimates &c , of Town Hall and Municipal Offices buildings on terms proposed by him

10. With the change of the site above ordered, the subsidiary scheme of the diversion of the main drain was ultimately dropped.

11. The President then sent up the preliminary sketches prepared by Mr. Fritchley and solicited approval so that he might obtain from the Architect the detailed drawings and the estimate. Before conveying approval to these sketches, however, the President who was requested to state the estimated cost of the buildings under the altered conditions reported in his letter No.378 dated 16th February 1918 that the cost would come to about Rs.5½ lakhs and that the Municipal Council would share a third of this cost. He also pointed out that adherence to the originally selected site, viz., that near the Bamboo Bazaar, would have cost no less since the acquisition of properties alone would take up a large amount, not to mention the rise in the cost of materials.

12. The increased cost of this and other schemes

approved in the Government Order dated 13th August 1915 necessitated a revision of the programme of the City Improvement works with a view to limit the financial liability of Government to the rate and amount promised in the said order with the result that at a conference of leading citizens held on 2nd April 1918, it was decided to omit certain schemes which were considered too costly while this and other urgent schemes at an increased estimate were retained.

Accordingly a revised programme was sanctioned in Government Order No.6317-20/Ml.87-17-32 dated 9th May 1918 and a provision of Rs.5½ lakhs was made for the construction of these buildings in the said programme.

The sketches referred to in paragraph 11 above were approved in Government Order No.6321-2/Ml.87-17-33 dated 9th May 1918.

13. In July 1918, the President submitted two estimates -

(1) One estimate prepared by Mr.Fritchley amounting to Rs.5,40,763.

(2) Another estimate for Rs.35,273 prepared by Mr.D'Cruz against Rs.32,766 as estimated by the Architect for foundation and basement.

These estimates were for the construction of the buildings according to the design of a 3 floor structure (one ground and two storeys) as approved in Government Order No.6321-2/Ml.87-17-33 dated 9th May 1918. Both the estimates were sent to the Chief Engineer for scrutiny. While the estimates were being scrutinised, the President informed the Chief Engineer of the decision of the City Improvement Committee dated 11th November 1918 to have only the ground floor and the first floor and to omit the 2nd floor. As the revised estimates were under preparation in the President's Office, the above estimates returned by the P.W.D. were re-

transmitted

to the President. No revised estimates in respect of the Town Hall and Municipal Office buildings have been submitted by the President.

14. At an interview on 13th December 1918, it was brought to my notice that Messrs. Fritchley & Son had not submitted their final plans for these buildings and that further enquiries were necessary as there was water in the foundations. After perusal of papers and consulting the Chief Engineer, I directed that pending issue of further instructions, the work on the construction of these buildings should be held in abeyance, and the Chief Engineer was also requested to furnish a note on the following points -

(1) Extra cost due to soil and foundations being not up to expectations.

(2) Change of the design involved.

(3) Total cost if the original design is adhered to.

(4) Whether Government sanction was obtained for all the changes.

(5) Whether it was desirable to adhere to the made up soil site for the structure.

15 The Chief Engineer in his demi-official letter dated 28th January 1919 stated that (1) the extra cost on account of bad soil would be about a lakh of rupees, the estimate for foundations being Rs 1,40,000, against Rs 35,273 prepared by Mr D'Cruz and Rs.57,750 as revised in Public Works Secretariat,

(2) that the design for 3 storeys was changed into one for 2 storeys to avoid superfluous accommodation and to reduce total cost as well as load on foundations,

(3) that the total cost of the original design of 3 floors including foundation and basement would amount to Rs 7 lakhs,

(4)

(4) that Government sanction was not taken to the original design or altered design but that Government were kept informed of the action taken from time to time, and

(5) that as conditions were not favourable and the responsibility on the Engineers and subordinates was immense and the contingencies of scamping work due to carelessness and indifference of workmen and materials require to be safeguarded, it was a question for consideration whether this site should be adhered to in spite of extra cost and precautions required

16 The estimated cost of these buildings as per altered design is Rs 5,30,000 including extra cost on account of foundation and basement. To this amount will have to be added the estimated amount of Rs 11,922 for purchasing tools and plant required This is a reduced estimate and provides for foundations alone nearly 1½ lakhs

17 As regards the outlay hitherto on the work, the exact amounts are not readily ascertainable except that a sum of Rs 13,434 has been paid to Mr Fritchly for services rendered in connection with the preparation of designs, &c.

18 In this connection the President has submitted with his letter dated 21st February 1919 a copy of the Proceedings of a Sub-Committee appointed by him for considering the question of relocating the Municipal Offices and the Town Hall in view of the bad soil of the present site

The Sub-Committee are of opinion that no suitable site in any other locality than the Market square is available and that the Market square with its tradition of being a civic centre is most suited for locating the Town Hall and Municipal Offices They are therefore agreed that the present site should not be given up unless it is declared

practically impossible to build on it, as these buildings when completed would add to and heighten the Architectural and aesthetical effect of the other important public buildings contemplated in the locality After ascertaining that the soil in the area is uniform in bearing value, wherever the buildings may be located, and with a view to reduce the pressure on soil of this site by reduction of the weight of the building, they recommend as a precautionary measure that the superstructure be limited to one storey, the clock tower being allowed to stand by itself in the centre of the square Thus the present area would be required only for the Municipal Offices, and as for the Town Hall, it is recommended to be placed on the site shewn in the plan

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19 In the meantime, a letter has been received independently of the above correspondence, from Mr Fritchley, enclosed recommending that the present site should be abandoned.

20 As Sir M Visvesvaraya took a personal interest in the question and had selected the site himself and obtained His Highness' sanction to the same, upon which the several Government Orders referred to in this note were issued, I consider it my duty to re-submit the whole case to His Highness with my humble submission that it will be throwing away public money to build the Town Hall and Municipal Offices on the site under discussion, as it would involve heavy expenditure --which can be avoided--on foundations, etc , and further even if built, there is no guarantee that the buildings will be safe On other grounds, too, I submit that the location of these buildings there is not at all desirable and am inclined to agree with the views of the architects submitted in their letter dated 18th March 1919

21 To tenaciously adhere to the original scheme -- after all that has transpired since the issue of the Government Order-- would, in my humble opinion, be nothin

22 22

short of folly, specially as Government have promised two-thirds of the cost and they have a right to see that their money is well spent and the estimate is not unreasonably high

22 On all these grounds, I beg to recommend that the question of the site be re-opened and solicit His Highness' gracious sanction to this being done, on receipt of which, I shall discuss the matter with the Improvement Trust, Municipal Council and others, and submit final proposals at an early date

22nd March 1919
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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject

Proposal to re-open the question of the site for the Town Hall and Municip Office Buildings, Bengalore.

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Order

~~KRW~~

24/3/19

Resume

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35 A draft G.O is put up.

Letter dt 25 3 19 since recd from the Chairman City Impt Committee is also placed below. It has been referred to in the preamble of the draft G.O. subject to approval. It will be seen that the Impt Committee are still in favour of adhering to the site already selected the additional cost for foundations being now estimated at from 25 to 30 thousand rupees only.

Dewan.

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36 As G.O is necessary briefly state that the view of the Govt is definitely now - indicate that the reference to the site involves a serious repetition & further we get to paying 2/3rds cost they have a right to see that the cost is not exceeded beyond a reasonable limit and copies of the 2 opinions

DEWAN'S OFFICE
recd on APR 3 1919
Reg No 6004

Titles of the other papers in the file

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Mr WPB

Give the deposit at a 2/3rd was promised & the interest at other say. Pathework of the site should therefore be stopped - as it has now resolved to re-open the pre-ban of site - make further investigation

WP
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3) A draft letter is sent

HOM OM
4/4/19

MC
5/4/19

Correspondence being have been kept back

Rec'd

2) The letter is drafted in accordance with the orders above Nothing has, however, been said regarding the further investigations to be made Instructions on the point seem necessary

3) Draft dropped

Demand (ex) Prepare & move legislation & circulate widely

7.4.19

DEVANI'S OFFICE
Feed on APR 1919
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44) The case must be put up to Com Army Orders Chamber Commerce. Meyler issued sitting opposite.

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ser Issue at once & put up draft circular letter.

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22 To the chairman, City Improvement Committee, Bangalore

No 13043 dt 10 4 19

Requests that for reasons given further work of the Town Hall & Municl Office buildings on the site approved in G O of 22nd Sept 1917 be stopped as Govt have now resolved to re open the question of the site & make further investigations.

43A draft circular letter is put up

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44 The cases & letters & reports forwarded to the Chairman C. Commerce may also be sent along with the circular letter & letters 22

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please prepare clean draft as revised

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Rest (draft is subt)

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Clean draft - Subd as directed.

Revised)

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(Devan). Draft as revised

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To Issue

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1) The Presidt, City Mun Cl, Bangalore
2) The Chairman, City Impvt Committee, B'lore
3) The Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce
4) The Informt. Bangalore Dt.
No. R14079-829 5-5-19

Arising thereon

Calling for their views as regards allowing or not to the present site or selecting another one.

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(4) Replies from the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, + Chairman, City Improvement Committee have been received

(5) Draft reminder to the other offices subd

Issue as revised

10/6/19

Issued No 16192-93 dt 10/6/19 to the President City Mun Council & Dc. Bangalore

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CITY IMPROVEMENT OFFICE.
Date 27 1919
Reg. 6708

WD 1288—G P B—40,000—1 12-16—S.

Serial No	
28	Letter No 598, 13.5.19 from the Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce. States that the Committee of the of Commerce are strongly in favor of the present site being in every way central and convenient to the majority of the population and that even, if the present site requires a deeper foundation, thereby the cost by Rs 5,000/- or so, it would be money well spent.
29	Letter No C1130/Ho of 18-1-99 25-6-19 from the Dy Comr, Bangalore Dt States that, after recent inspection of the present, he agrees in holding that it is unsuitable for the construction of two buildings together owing to the unsatisfactory soil in the foundations & the smallness of the area available for construction and that the Town Hall may be constructed on the present site and the Rural Office may work go to another locality near the present Police Reserve Lines or elsewhere with a sufficient compound around it.

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40	Letter No 492/C.I of the 5th June 1919. from the President, Bangalore city rural Council Submits a copy of the resolution of the Bangalore city Improvement Committee opining that the present site opposite the city market is the most suitable being nearest to the old city and centrally so far as civic activities and business life in the city are concerned and that any extra cost of foundation that may be necessary is well worth spending in consideration of the special advantages of the present site
41	Letter No. 355/266 19 from the same Officer Submits a copy of the resolution of the rural Council opining that the present site in front of the city market being best suited for the purpose, be adhered to Sir The Bangalore city Improvement Committee propose to raise a two-storeyed building both for the Town Hall & the rural Office originally designed as per —

Mr

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Mr Hutchelay's estimate at a cost of Rs 5,50,514/- as details below:-

Cost of the building (superstructure)	Rs 4,10,514
Cost of foundation and basement as estimated by the Chief Engr	Rs 1,40,000
Total	5,50,514/-

which is slightly more than the original estimate of Rs 5,50,000/- sanctioned by Govt

Submitted for orders

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5.7.19

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5.7 (Rev Secy)

5.7.19

5. The Municipal Council (with a majority of 11 against 7), the City Impt Committee (with one dissenting member), & the Chamber of Commerce (unanimously) are in favour of the present selection, i.e., the site opposite the market. The D.C of Belgaum considers that the Town Hall alone may be built there and the Muni offices elsewhere.

There was elaborate discussion in the Mu Council (vide proceedings need)

5.7.19

Secretary

AN S OFFICE
ON JUL 5 1919
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5) I shall add my own remarks K.S.

5) D & N Submitted —

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5) Dewan)

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Subject.

Site for the Town Hall and Municipal Offices, Bangalore.

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Returned with DO No 93
dated 16 8 19

Order

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Submitted to His Highness

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(G) With reference to the gracious orders of His Highness sanctioning my proposal to re-open the question of the site for the Town Hall and Municipal Office buildings, Bangalore, the Chairman, City Improvement Committee, was requested in this office letter No.13043 dated 10th April 1919, to stop further work in connection with the buildings in question, pending further investigation and orders of Government in the matter

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2. A circular letter No R.14179-82/M1 110-18-16 dated 5th May 1919 was also addressed to the marginally noted officers calling for the views of the Municipal Council, the City Improvement Committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, in the matter of adhering or not to the site originally selected, having regard to the unsatisfactory nature of the soil in the foundations

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.President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore,
.Chairman, City Improvement Committee, Bangalore,
Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

3. The views of the Deputy Commissioner and the several committees consulted, have been received The Chamber of Commerce and the City Improvement Committee are in favour of adhering to the site previously selected The Chamber of Commerce are in favour of adhering to the present site, because it is in every way central and convenient to the majority of the population, and they consider that it would be unfortunate if an important building like the Town Hall should be located away from the present centre of civic activities

4. The City Improvement Committee consider

that having regard to the advantages of the site, any extra cost on account of foundations that may be necessary would be well worth spending, and they are further of opinion that the building should be two-storeyed, instead of one floor and two storeys as originally contemplated by the Committee

The question seems to have been warmly discussed in the Municipal Council where a few definite suggestions were put forward by some of the Municipal Councillors in regard to sites in different localities

The different suggestions related, (1) to the location of the buildings on the site occupied by Janopakari Doddanna's School which had to be acquired for the purpose, (vetoed as being impracticable,) and (2) to the location of the buildings on the site of the present Municipal Office on the District Office Road, or on the site occupied by the Lunatic Assylum and the Medical Stores But the majority of Councillors were against this proposal The Chief interest centered in selecting one of the two sites, viz , either the present site opposite the general market, or the maidan near the Reserve Police Lines

The President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore, reports that the preponderating opinion was in favour of the present site, as it is the best available and that a little extra money spent on securing good foundations would be money well laid out 13 voted for and 4 against this proposal Votes were also taken as regards the selection of the site opposite the Police Lines, and 11 voted in favour of it and 7 against But it would appear to have been explained to them that this site could not be made available for the purpose, as it had been decided by the Dewan, after personal inspection

that the removal of the lines was out of the question

7. The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, however proposes that the Town Hall alone may be built on the present site, and that the Municipal Office may be located near the present Reserve Police Lines, with a sufficient compound around it

8. It will thus be seen that opinion is divided so far as the bodies in which Mr.Puttanna Chetty's voice has a predominating influence are concerned They are in favour of the site now selected

I am not particularly anxious to change the decision already arrived at, but would urge that as Government gives 2/3rds cost and has a potent voice in the matter and as the Chief Engineer apprehends that the foundations are likely to exceed the original estimate and the ground is not suitable for building, perhaps the design may be converted to one storied structure for the Town Hall and Municipal Office upto a limit of the original estimate Sir M Visvesvaraya was particularly anxious that the Town Hall should be built here and there is on the other hand certain amount of public feeling against it

I place the matter before His Highness for his gracious orders In this connection I invite attention to Mr Fritchley's report (~~letter to me~~ dated 18th March 1919)

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12th July 1919

D.O. No 93
With one file

Recd 16.8.19
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Return to
Remember
with

Instructions
taken 29.8.19

THE PALACE
BANGALORE.

16th August 1919

My dear Sir,

I am directed to return File No 86 dated the 12th July 1919, on the subject of a site for the Town Hall and Municipal Offices in the Bangalore City and to say that His Highness is not in favour of having both these buildings in one and the same place He would prefer to have only the Town Hall on the proposed site, facing the Market, and the Municipal Offices should, he thinks, be built on the site of the present Municipal Offices, adjoining the District Offices. In His Highness's view, there is little to be gained by building the Municipal Offices on the site proposed, opposite ~~to~~ the Market, it would be simply overcrowding the place, and preventing the possibility of future expansion On the other hand, the site, on which His Highness desires these buildings to be constructed, is quite adjacent to other Public Offices, and all these Public Institutions will make an imposing collection of buildings in the City.

I am to request you to be so good as to get a new plan of the market square prepared in accordance with His Highness's ideas and submit the same for his approval Another plan showing the exact location of the proposed Municipal buildings may also be kindly got prepared, and submitted for approval

Yours Sincerely
Mirza M Ismail

Sirdar M Kantaraj Urs, C S I.,
Bangalore

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DEWANS OFFICE.
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Draft letter to the President of the Municipal Council is submitted for approval.

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Dewan

Draft approved by the Dewan
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To Issue

8/9/19

Letter No. VI 3561 of 12.9.1919 to the President, Palni Municipal Council

Thanks that, after a careful consideration of all the circumstances, you are not in favor of having both these buildings in one & the same place & that they consider it preferable to have only one block on the proposed site facing the market, the rural office being built on the site of the present rural office adjoining the District Office and requests Municipality to get a new plan of the market square prepared in accordance with the above suggestion & submit the same for approval and that another plan showing the exact location of the proposed rural office buildings may be also prepared and submitted.

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51 DO No 1289 4.9.19 from the Private Secy to H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Intimating that His Highness does not a longer span Hall may be constructed without materially altering the Fritchley's design, as the proposed building seems to be rather small in size

To Dewan's order on the DO.

"Pvt Secy – Please send a copy of this to the Hon'ble President and also to the Chief Engr for needful action

(Initd) N K
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To Hyd – Draft with draft

(Initd) B L
20.9.19

To Draft is sent for approval.

Yh
22.9.19

(Initd) 22/9

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To Issue

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52 Letter No 24/1377 24 9 19 from the President, Bangalore City Hyd Council

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	Forwards a copy of Sl 51 for useful action
	Letter No. R 4138 of 24.9.19 to the Chief Engr
	Forwards copies of Sls 50 & 51 for necessary action in accordance with the instructions contained in Sl 51 in consultation with the President of the Rural Council
54	Letter No 95/C.J of 22.9.19 from the President, Bangalore City Rural Council Submits for approval a sketch plan called for showing clearly the layout of the proposed market square as revised and the location with reference thereto of the Town Hall and the out-patient dispensary of the Victoria Hospital and states that the sketch was prepared under instructions recd by Mr D'Cruz, Executive Engr, City Improvement Ltd from higher authority.
	Do No 99/C.J of 23.9.19 from the President, Bangalore City Rural Council Explains the graphic alluvion to "higher authority" mentioned in Sl 54 above

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and states that the sketch now submitted with A 54 was prepared under the personal instructions of the Hereditary Secy when the Government was pending before His Highness.

29 It is stated that the hall (auditorium of the Town Hall has been increased in size from 77' x 60' to 105' x 70' with a view to provide accommodation for a larger no of persons.

30 The President promises to submit the sketch for the Clerical Offices separately later on

Submitted for orders

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26-9-1918 The President requests approval to the sketch plan. After this, he proposes to put the work on hand. It is a matter for consideration whether this may be done before Govt know exactly what the total cost of the 2 separate buildings will be. The commitment of Govt so far relates to the construction of a combined building estimated to cost Rs 5½ lacs of which the liability extended to 2/3rds of this amount

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WAN'S OFFICE.

ON OCT 20 1919

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Reference to para 2 of Mr. Ross's letter of 16 8-19

Reed 18/10 (Vide flow note by Mr)

18/10/19

Revised

Deewan

The revised plan which Civil Surgeon says is in accordance with the instructions issued by Civil Surgeon & Civil Surgeon. Any revised estimate for payment of this should be submitted.

A. D. S. may be brought up

18-11-19

Asst Secy L.G.

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Ob. A. 2 S.R. & Subd for appl

Revised and submitted

Revised

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WD A 1752—GPB—60,000—10-3-18—S.

Submitted to His Highness

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89 With reference to the Huzur Secretary's demi-official letter No.93 dated the 16th August 1919 conveying the orders of His Highness in the matter of the selection of a suitable site for the Town Hall and the Municipal Office Buildings and directing the location of the two buildings on different sites and the submission of the plans therefor, the President was requested in this office letter dated the 12th September 1919 to take the necessary action in the matter The instructions contained in Huzur Secretary's letter No.128 dated the 4th September 1919 regarding increasing the size of the proposed Town Hall were also communicated to the President.

90 2. The President accordingly submitted with his letter No.95 dated the 22nd September 1919 a sketch plan in blue print showing clearly the lay out of the proposed market square and the location with reference thereto of the Town Hall and the out-patient dispensary of the Victoria Hospital

91 3. This plan, however, has been slightly altered under instructions from the Huzur Secretary conveyed to the Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division, in demi-official letter No.430 dated the 10th October 1919 and a revised plan submitted by the President with his demi-official letter No 148/C.I , dated the 4th November 1919.

92 4. The revised plan is submitted for the gracious approval of His Highness

93 5. The Honorary President will be requested to expedite the submission of the plan showing the location of the

the Municipal office referred to in the Huzur Secretary's letter of the 16th August 1919.

25 of office notes

24th Nov 1919

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Subject

94 Plan shewing the lay-out of the Town Hall, Market and out-patient dispensary of the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore.

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95 **Order**

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30/11/19

96 Revised

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99 Draft is noted for appr. The site plan of the
9/12 Rural Office which was returned by
9.12.19 the Dewan is linked herewith for
of orders thereon.

9/12/19

99 Please issue as instructed

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100 A revised draft order is noted for appr.

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12.12.19

63 Letter No 158/C. D. dt. the 26.11.19 from the President, Bangalore City Rural Ch.

Submits a survey plan of the proposed site of the Rural Office building as well as the proposed location of the new building and also a copy of the resolution of the City Improvement Committee approving of the new plan.

101 The above communication has been considered subject to approval in the draft orders proposed in para 100 supra

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12.12.19

102 Draft further issued

9/12/19

103 In view of the further reference recently received from the President showing the location of the Rural office buildings mentioned in the dates

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Submission note of 24th Nov 19, it is submitted that it would be desirable to issue the order including sanction to the sketch plan also, if the plan is approved

(1) A draft order including the above is submitted for perusal of Council and for approval and order

(Rev Secy) 9 12 19

(2) The papers require resubmission to His Highness, with reference to the new site plan of the Municipal Office Buildings A & S N and a clean copy of typed copy of the draft should be put up without delay —

(Secretary) 19 12 19

(3) A & S N and a clean copy of the proposed

(Rev Secy) 20/12/19

(Dewan) 20 12 19

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Submitted to His Highness

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Submission Note

104 With reference to paragraph 5 of my Submission Note dated the 24th November 1919 stating that the Honorary President of the Bangalore City Municipality will be requested to expedite the submission of the site plan of the new Municipal Office buildings, the President of the Municipal Council has now forwarded with his letter No 158/C I. dated 26th November 1919, the survey plan showing the present site of the Municipal Office building as well as the proposed location of the new building thereon The plan is submitted for gracious approval

Plan

Site plan

105 A draft order according sanction to both the site plans of the Town Hall and the Municipal Office buildings is also submitted for gracious approval

Draft order for approval

22 Nov 1919

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Subject.

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Site plans of the proposed Town Hall and Municipal Office Buildings Bangalore City

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66	[illegible] No. 7477-9 [illegible] to the President, Panchayat and Cooperative Chairman, Panchayat [illegible] Instrumental [illegible] [illegible] Approves of the site plans of the institutional town hall and the school building and calls for the detailed estimates prepared accordingly for the two buildings.

Ans

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FILE HEADING

Town Hall & Municipal Office buildings, Bangalore

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore

No 6205 Dated 20 2 1919 Received 22 2 19

Diary No	11433 Enclos 5 Spare Copies	Serial No

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

recommends payment of

states that against a provision of Rs 35,273 made for the foundations & the basement in the estate prepared by Messrs Fritchley & Sons, a modified estimate for Rs 87,750 was prepared in his office to suit the nature of the soil &c, that as the soil did not come up to expectations when the trenches were actually excavated & sub soil water was tapped at a low depth, a revised estimate for Rs 1,40,000 was considered necessary, that as the conditions are not favourable responsibility thrown on the Engineers & subordinates is immense and that it is a question for orders whether it is necessary to adhere to the site now selected in spite of extra cost & precaution required & encloses copy of his D.O. dt 26 12 1918

NOTES AND ORDERS

Dewan's orders on the Tappal Abstract relating to the above communication:- "Please put up."

The D.O. referred to has been removed by the Dewan along with the Main file on which the Dewan has passed orders for preparing a pedigree of all correspondence

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on the subject for my submission to His Highness with reference to the final orders of Govt regarding the site.

The precis is being prepared & the file will be submitted in the course of the current week

25/2/19

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Secretary

The Hony Mr. has also sent to Comm. That will also be probably

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Experts Precis

This file was linked with the file relating to the suitability or otherwise of the site opted approved for the location of the Town Hall & Municipal Office buildings. The Cantton site has to be ordered to be abandoned & further investigations have to be made for the selection of another suitable site.

For orders in this case.

27/4/19

No present orders can be passed on this file till the question of site is finally settled. The

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may be suitably recorded

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To Raja Sabha Bhushana Dewan Bahadur K P Pattanna Chetti Esq C I E — Hon'ble Pres^t of Mil Council — B'lore

of issue. 20.12.18.

by MB Ramaswamaiya

Dear Sir,

I am desired to request that pending further instructions of Govt in the matter, work on the construction of the Town Hall and Municipal Offices may be held in abeyance

Yours Ins.

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No 7987

of issue 26-12-18

Balasubramanyam

54464-5 & 19 2 1917 approving
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of the proposals of the City Improvement Committee selecting site on either side of the Hosakota Road-

1813-6 dt 22 9 1917
87-17-5
approving of the site adjoining the Electric Transformer Station in lieu of the site sanctioned in (1)

To

My dear Sir,

I am desired to invite your attention to the marginally noted orders re the selection of a site for the construction of a Town Hall & Municipal Offices buildings in the Bangalore City and ~~in continuation of my D.O. No. 7832 dt. 26.~~ ~~noted~~ 6 request you to kindly furnish a note on the following points connected therewith —

1 Extra Cost on the scheme due to soil and foundation being not up to expectations

over

2. Changes of design involved.

3. Total cost of original design & adhered to;

4. whether Govt sanction was obtained for all the changes; and,

5. whether it is desirable to adhere to the made up soil site for the structure?

Yours Sincerely

GMH

GM. Hope

S. Cadambi Rao
Chief Engineer of Mysore.

List of enclosures.

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D O No 118

GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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Public Works Secretariat,

Bangalore 28th January 1919

Dear Sir,

In reply to your D.O. letter No. 7987 dated 24th December 1918, calling for certain information regarding the site for the proposed Town Hall and Municipal Office buildings in Bangalore - City, I give below the information required -

1. The cost of foundation and basement according to Mr. Fritchley's first estimate was Rs 35,273 This would have sufficed if the soil had been hard gravel But the soil now found is not hard and experiments conducted so far go to show that the - load to be allowed per square foot cannot exceed 75 ton Accordingly, the foundations have to be widened and deepened-

As subsoil water has been tapped at a low depth, it is considered advisable to use surki mortar concrete instead of lime - concrete as originally proposed-

On account of the above, the provision for foundation and - basement for building with two floors only is likely to be exceeded by nearly a lakh of rupees-

2. The original design was for a building of 3 floors (one - - ground and two storeys), but it was subsequently changed to one of 2 floors only (one ground and one storey) The change was made because the accommodation provided was found too much and also - in order to reduce the total cost as well as load on foundation-

3. The cost of buildings as originally designed amounts to - - Rs. 5,64,000, and including the extra cost on account of the bad nature of the soil, the cost may amount to Rs. 7,00,000 against - Rs. 5,30,000 for the present design, including the extra cost for

Foundation and basement-

4. Government sanction has not yet been formally obtained either to the original or the changed design as the design is not yet settled. But Government have been constantly kept informed of the action being taken from time to time.

5. The site was selected as the best from the point of view of being central and best fitted for forming a civic centre. The structure can be put up if the same site is adhered to at the increased - - cost noted above. As the conditions are not very favourable, the -- responsibility thrown on the Engineers and Subordinates entrusted - - with the work will be immense-

The construction will have to be of a first-class order The - contingent allowance for the carelessness and indifference of workmen and materials must be well safeguarded and the precautions to be taken cannot be too much-

It is a question for the consideration of Government under the - above circumstances if it is absolutely necessary to adhere to the -- site now selected, in spite of the extra cost and special precautions required.

Yours sincerely,

Madhava Rao

C. S Balasundaram Iyer, Esq , B A ,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
BANGALORE

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~~To~~

Signed by

Sir,

I am desired to request you of your good self to inform whether the Committee appointed by you reconsider the question of locating the Town Stall and Office view of the character of the site within the foundations has not and when a report formally may be expected

Yours sincerely

12/2

My dear Sir,

It is understood that you have appointed another Committee for reconsidering the question of locating the Town Stall Office & Municipal Office buildings.

I am desired to request to kindly let me know whether the Committee has when the report of this Committee may be expected.

Yours sincerely

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To Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur K. P. Puttanna Chetty Esqre C.I.E.

D O.

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BANGALORE,

Dated 14th February 1919

Mr H.P.B

My dear sir,

your note of 13th instant The Committee referred to has already met twice and will meet finally on Monday next and submit its views When the report is received I shall submit a copy of it to Government and shall also have it considered at an early meeting of the Bangalore City Improvement Committee

whose opinion will of course
be laid before government.

yours sincerely
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B. Ramaswami Iyangar
Secretary to Government
Revenue Deptt

D. O.

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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BANGALORE,

OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

No - - -

Bangalore City, dated 21-2- 19

SECRETARIAT
FEB 1919

DEWAN BAHADUR, RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ, C.I.E.,
Honorary President, City Municipal Council,
BANGALORE CITY

No 2

To

B.Ramaswamaiya, Esqr., B A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore Rev Dept,
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your D.O letter No.10221 of the 13th Instant and in continuation of mine dated 14th idem, I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government copy of the report of the Committee appointed to reconsider the question of locating the Town Hall and Municipal Offices with the sketch referred to in the last para thereof

The report will be placed before the City Improvement Committee for discussion and their views communicated to Government in due course.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K P Puttannachetty

Honorary President

1918—19.

From The Honorary Presidentiary Municipal Commissioner Bangalore

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore Rev. Department

Dated

Despatched 21-2-1919

Received

General No 330

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59918 Enclosure No two

Report of the Committee appointed to reconsider the question of the location of the Forest and Municipal Offices

Put up with out delay. Where is the Press?

MG 26/2

Proceedings of the Meetings of the Committee convened at the request of the Honorary President, City Municipal Council Bangalore, for considering the relocating of the Municipal Offices and the Town Hall with reference to the character of the soil met with in foundations in the present site

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The undermentioned gentlemen composing the Committee met on the 3rd February 1919 at the present site of the Town Hall and Municipal Offices near the Market.

Mr.B.K.Garudachar

T.Ramachandra Rao

" P S.Subramanyam

" J.E.A.D'Cruz

The first question taken up for consideration was whether with a view to secure better foundations any locality other than the Market Square should be selected for locating the Town Hall and Municipal Offices.

The only other eligible sites which have been suggested at one time or another are - (a) the maidan near Reserve Police Lines in the Fort (b) the Yelahanka Gate Square

The objection to the first is that it will be out of the way from the main centre of town life and a building here will be solitary with no other public buildings by its side and cannot therefore form the centre of civic activities which a Municipal Office and Town Hall are expected to do

The objection to the second site is that unless a good plot out of the College compound is available, which is not, th there is no other site big enough for the building. Also it is far removed from the centre of town activities

The Market Square on the other hand which is tradationally associated with ideas of a civic centre and around which the City Market, Victoria Hospital, Doddanna Hall and junetion of important roads - Mysore Road, Hoskota Road, Hosur

Road, Fort Road and Police Road are situated, is the most suited for locating buildings which constitute the centre of civic activities This part of the City has become the hub of Bangalore.

Apart from the individual beauty and importance of each building, they all go to form a civic group, each individual member contributing to enhance the value of the other. On account of the meeting of so many important roads and the situation of the Market and shops in this locality, most citizens have to resort daily to this locality for one reason or another.

It was therefore unanimously agreed that unless practically impossible the present locality should not be changed as it is the best site notwithstanding its comparatively low level and weak bearing value of the soil If necessary the Town Hall and Municipal Offices may be disconnected and built as separate buildings not necessarily on the same side of the square.

It was then decided to open more trial pits in the present site and on other sides of the Market square as shown in the sketch.

The Committee met again on the 8th Instant The trial pits shown in the sketch were examined It was found that (a) foundations to a depth 12' to 15' at least will have to be reached to secure fairly reliable natural soil to bear a safe load of one ton nearly (b) sub soil water is met with at a depth of 8' to 9'

With regard to the soil at various points in the locality as shown in plan it was realised

(a) That the soil in the area is about uniform in bearing value wherever the buildings may be located.

(b) That the object to be attained is to reduce the unit of soil pressure allowable.

(c) That this may be done by increasing the spread of the foundations and their bearing area or by reducing the superincumbent weight of the building.

The Committee were against the idea of adopting light foundations in reinforced concrete or of founding on piles and have agreed that the alternative of reducing the superincumbent weight of the structure be adopted. They suggest that the superstructure be reduced to one storey and the clock tower be arranged to stand by itself in the centre of the square.

They believe that by careful designing, the monumental character of the building need not be sacrificed and that to compensate for the loss of height, a suitable breadth and boldness of design may be adopted with a high basement

That the present area would be required only for the Municipal Offices and that the Town Hall may be placed in the site shown in the plan.

That with any modification of the Market frontage that may be necessary and with the above buildings around it, the square may be made to look very interesting, having as a central feature the high clock tower at the intersection of several roads

The accompanying sketch prepared by Mr Subramanyam at the request of the Committee shows the locatinn of the Town Hall and Municipal Offices and the realignment of the Market Square.

Sd/ B K Garudachar
Sd/ J E A D'Cruz
Sd/ T Ramachandra Rao
Sd/ P.S Subramanyam

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Honorary President

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Signed by M. B. Ramaswamaiya

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No 11427 97 3 19

~~To~~
My dear Sir,

Please refer to letter No 6827 Ind 87-17-54 S 3 12 1918 returning the two for the Construction of the Town Hall & Municipal Offices & for the foundation and basement thereof

I am desired to request you in this connection kindly at your earliest convenience to furnish information on the following points –

(1) the net cost of shifting Transformer A station in accordance with

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G O no 1513-6 dt 22 9 1917

Total Rs 87-17-5

(2) the total cost incurred up to date on the Town Hall scheme including foundations, acquisition &c.

(3) Amount paid to Mr Fritchley for services rendered.

(4) ~~The charity study which should be~~ ~~who has been required to~~ To whom the preparation of the various estimates has been entrusted, & whether Mr Fritchley has performed his share of the contract for which he ~~was~~ has been paid.

Yours sincerely

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6/3/19

Rajasabhabhushana Dewan Bahadur

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SUBJECT .. .. ..

to the site upon the old Embankments –

and (2) the authority which has to pre-

pare the revised estimates and

whether Mr Fulcheby has performed

his share of the business for

which he was paid

yours sincerely

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Chief Engineer of Mysore

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Mysore Public Works Department

Central Office,

Dated Bangalore, 20th February 1919

No. R 2205

Per Secretary 5 1 FEB 1919

From

S. Cadambi, Esq.,

Chief Engineer of Mysore,

Bangalore

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department,

Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the provision made in the estimate for the foundations and basement of Town Hall and Municipal Office buildings, Bangalore, prepared by Messrs Writchley and Sons was Rs 35,273.

2. To cut down the cost and to reduce the load on foundations, the original design was changed by reducing the building to one of two floors. That estimate was then modified in this office to suit the nature of the soil, and the pressure was limited to 1 ton per sq.ft, and consequently, the estimate amounted to Rs 57,750 and has been returned countersigned by the President, City Municipal Council.

3. When the trenches for foundations were actually excavated the soil did not come up even to the expectations as above and the experiments conducted so far show that the pressure allowed on the soil could not exceed .75 of a ton per foot square In addition, sub-soil water has been tapped at a low depth, which necessitates the use of surki concrete. The widths and depths of foundations have therefore to be increased.

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4. The estimate for foundations and basement has now been modified once again to suit the conditions described above and amounts to Rs 1,40,000. The abstract is enclosed. Also the estimate countersigned by the President is forwarded.

5 As the conditions are not very favourable, the responsibility thrown on the Engineers and subordinates who will be entrusted to carry out the work will be immense. The construction will have to be of a first-class order.

The contingencies of scamping work due to the carelessness and indifference of workmen and materials must be well safeguarded.

6 It is a question for the consideration of government under the above circumstances if it is absolutely necessary to adhere to the site now selected in spite of the extra cost and precautions required.

7 In this connection, I enclose a copy of letter addressed to the Chief Secretary in reply to G. R. S., D.O. No.7987 dated the 24th December 19

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chief Engineer of Mysore.

V.W.S.

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D.O. letter No.118 dated 28th January 1919 from the Chief Engineer of Mysore to the Chief secretary to Government.

In reply to your D.O. letter No.7987 dated the 26th December 1918, calling for certain information regarding the site for the proposed Town Hall and Municipal Office buildings in Bangalore City, I give below the information required-

1. The cost of foundation and basement according to Mr.Fritchley's first estimate was Rs 35,273. This would have sufficed if the soil had been hard gravel. But the soil now found is not hard and experiments conducted so far go to show that the load to be allowed per square foot cannot exceed 75 ton. Accordingly the foundations have to be widened and deepened

As subsoil water has been tapped at a low depth, it is considered advisable to use surki mortar concrete instead of lime concrete as originally prooosed.

On account of the above, the provision for foundation and basement for building with two floors only is likely to be exceeded by nearly a lakh of rupees

2. The original design was for a building of 3 floors (one ground and two storeys) but it was subsequently changed to one of 2 floors only (one ground and one storey). The change was made because the accommodation provided was found too much and also in order to reduce the total cost as well as load on foundation

3 The cost of buildings as originally designed amounts to Rs 5,64,000, and including the extra cost on account of the bad nature of the soil, the cost may amount to Rs 7,00,000 against Rs 5,30,000 for the present design including the ex cost for foundation

4. Government sanction has not yet been formally obtained either to the original or the changed design as the design is not yet settled. But Government have been constantly kept informed of the action being taken from time to time.

5. The site was selected as the best from the point of view of being central and best fitted for forming a civic centre. The structure can be put up if the same site is adhered to at the increased cost noted above. As the conditions are not very favourable, the responsibility thrown on the Engineers and subordinates entrusted with the work will be immense

The construction will have to be of a first class order. The contingent allowance for the carelessness and indifference of workmen and materials must be well safeguarded and the precautions to be taken cannot be too much.

It is a question for the consideration of Government, under the above circumstances, if it is absolutely necessary to adhere to the site now selected in spite of the extra cost and special precautions required

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General Abstract of the probable cost
for
Constructing the (Foundation and Basement)
proposed
Municipal offices & Town Hall
Two Storied Building
near fort - Bangalore City.

Amount of Estimate Rs. 57,750/-

Mysore P.W. Department.

General abstract for the foundations and the Town Hall

No	Items of work	Per	Rate
1	Earthwork Excavating foundation	cyd	6
2	do filling in Basement	cyd	2
3	Concrete in mortar filling in foundation	cft	5
4	Stone in mortar with lime, filling in do	cft	5 6
5	Size Stone in mortar with lime and outer faces dressed roughly	cft	7
6	Burnt Stone Slabs 6" thick roughly dressed	sft	8
7	Cut Stone Bases of Pillars 2½×2½×1½	cft	8
8	Two lines neatly dressed slabs 6" thick	sft	14
9	Two lines fine dressing only	sft	6
10	Cement Painting	sqr	5
11.	Cutting holes in slabs for door uprights	No	8
	Total		
	Contingencies at 5%		
	Grand Total Rupees		

Central Office
Bangalore
dt/ 11th November 1918

Countersigned for
and Seven hundred

Estimate of the proposed Municipal offices near South Bangalore City.

Municipal Offices		Town Hall		Link between M.C. Offices & Town hall		Total Cost	Remarks.
Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost		
5200	1200	2159	321	187	51		
1601	200	1298	162	75	9		
2580	7,134	15,425	4339	939	294		
9.693	18,391	26,849	9229	1853	587		
3147	5752	9334	4084	703	308		
2974	1987	2716	1350	224	117		
21¼	394	141	423	-	-		
789	690	548	742	-	-		
1478	554	953	357	66	25		
30 5	152	200	100	30	15		
84	42	56	28	-	-		
	31406		22,143		1456	55,005	
	1,570		1105		70	2,745	
	32.976		23248		1,526	57,750	

Rupees Fifty Seven thousand and fifty only.

Honorary President
Municipal Council
Bangalore City.

R V Sundaramma
Deputy Chief Engineer & Ex Officio
P W D Bangalore

Estimate of the Cost of Constructing the proposed Municipal office and Town Hall near the Fort Bangalore City
(Foundation and Basement only.)

Details of work	No	Dimension			Contents.
"Municipal office" —					
Earthwork Excavating foundation					
Central Tower	1	39½	39½	10½	16,383
Corner towers	4	62	8	8	15,872
Hall in rear of central tower.	1	153	7	8	8568
Front Verandah wall.	2	81¼	5	8	6500
Front wall of side Hall	2	81¼	6	8	7800
Rear —— do	2	82⅔	6	8	7956
Side —— do ——	2	31½	6	8	3024
Side Verandah wall.	2	31½	5	8	2520
Pillars in side Hall.	14	8	8	8	7168
Rear Verandah wall.	2	61¾	5	8	4940
Rear wall of rear room.	2	15⅔	6	8	1500
Side —— do ——	2	12	6	8	1152
Portico side walls	2	17⅔	5	8	1430
do front wall.	1	24⅔	5	8	990
Main steps in portico	1	14¾	1	2	30
Steps in side Verandah	2	20	4½	2	360
Steps in front & rear —do —	4	10	4½	2	360
Total.					86,553
Deduct repeated portion between Central tower & rear Hall.	1	35¼	½	8	141
Balance Earthwork					86412 cft. 3200
Earthwork filling in Basement.					
Central tower foundation	1	8¾	8¾	2	153
do	1	10¾	10¾	2	231
do	1	12¾	12¾	2	325
do	1	14¾	14¾	2	435
C.O.					1144

Brought forward. 1144

Central tower Basement.	1	15½	15½	3½	841
Corner towers	4	12¼	12¼	3½	2101
Rear Hall.	1	45¼	25¼	3½	3999
Side Hall	2	37½	35½	3½	21.744
do extra portion.	2	14½	5⅓	3½	520
Front Verandah	2	91⅔	8½	3½	5452
Side Verandah	2	36½	8½	3½	2172
Rear — do —	2	66	8½	3½	3927
Rear Room	2	19½	9½	3½	1297
Room between Central tower & rear Hall.	1	15½	9¼	3½	502
Total					43699
deduct Pillars in side Hall.	14	3½	3½	2	343
do.	14	2½	2½	1½	131
Total					474

Balance Earth filling with balancing tamping etc — 43225 cyds 1601.

3. Concrete in mortar.

Filling in foundation

Central tower around	1	37½	37½	2½	3960
Corner towers — do —	4	62	8	2	3968
Rear Hall around	1	153	7	2	2142
Front Verandah wall	2	88⅔	5	2	1713
Front wall of side Hall	2	85⅔	6	2	2058
Rear — do —	2	82⅔	6	2	1989
Side — do —	2	31½	6	2	756
Side Verandah wall	2	31½	5	2	630
Pillars in side Hall	14	8	8	2	1792
Rear Verandah wall	2	61¾	5	2	1235
Rear wall of rear room	2	15⅔	6	2	375
Side — do —	2	12	6	2	288
Portico sides	2	22¼	5	2	445
do front.	1	24¾	5	2	248
Step in portico	1	17¼	7	2	241
do front & rear Verandahs	4	10	6	2	480
do side Verandahs	2	20	6	2	480
Side wall of room between central tower & rear Hall —	2	3⅔	6	2	93

Total Concrete filling in 22880 cft 22.880

Stone in masonry
filling in foundation.

Central tower wall all around	1st floor	1	79	11	2	1738
do	2nd do	1	79	9	2	1422
do	3rd do.	1	79	7½	2	1185
do	4th do	1	79	5	2	790
Corner towers all around	1st	4	62	6	2	2976
do	2nd	4	62	5	2	2480
do	3rd	4	62	4	2	1984
Rear wall all around	1st	1	153	5	2	1530
do	2nd	1	153	4	2	1224
do.	3rd	1	153	3½	2	1071
Front Verandah wall -	1st	2	87⅔	4	2	1402
do	2nd	2	89⅓	3½	2	1248
do.	3rd	2	90⅔	3	2	1087
Front wall of Side Hall	1st	2	87⅔	4	2	1402
do	2nd	2	89⅓	3½	2	1248
do	3rd	2	90⅔	3	2	1087
Rear wall of Side Hall	1st	2	84⅔	4	2	1358
do	2nd	2	85⅔	3½	2	1202
do	3rd	2	86⅔	3	2	1040
Side wall of Side Hall	1st	2	33½	4	2	536
do	2nd	2	34½	3½	2	483
do	3rd	2	35½	3	2	426
Side Verandah wall.	1st	2	33½	4	2	536
do	2nd	2	34½	3½	2	483
do.	3rd	2	35½	3	2	426
Pillars in Side Hall.	1st	14	6½	6½	2	1183
do	2nd	14	5½	5½	2	847
do	3rd	14	4½	4½	2	567
Rear Verandah wall	1st	2	63¾	4	2	1020
do	2nd	2	64½	3½	2	903
do	3rd	2	65¼	3	2	783
Rear wall of rear room	1st	2	17⅔	4	2	282
do	2nd	2	18⅓	3½	2	257
do	3rd	2	18⅔	3	2	226
Side wall of rear room	1st	2	12	4	2	192
do	2nd	2	12	3½	2	168
do	3rd	2	12	3	2	144

Carried over. 36857

Brought forward. 36,857

Portico side wall.	1st	2	23¾	4	2	370
do	2nd	2	25	3½	2	350
do	3rd	2	26¼	3	2	315
do front wall	1st	1	23¾	4	2	190
do	2nd	1	28¼	3½	2	163
do	3rd	1	22¾	3	2	137
Side wall of room between Central tower & rear hall.	1st	2	5⅔	4	2	94
do	2nd	2	7⅔	3½	2	193
do	2nd	2	8⅔	3	2	104

Total Stone in mortar. 38693 cft 38693.

5. Size Stone in mortar (outer faces roughly dressed)

Basement.

Central tower abutments.	1	79	4½	3½	1175
Corner towers "	4	62	3¼	3½	2321
Rear hall "	1	153	3	3½	1607
Front Verandah wall	2	91⅔	2½	3½	1599
Front wall of side hall	2	91⅔	2½	3½	1599
Rear — do —	2	87¼	2½	3½	1527
Sides — do —	2	36¼	2½	3½	634
Side Verandah wall.	2	36¼	2½	3½	634
Pillars in side hall	14	3½	3½	2	343
Rear Verandah wall	2	65⅔	2½	3½	1153
Rear wall of rear room	2	19⅔	2½	3½	337
Side — do —	2	12	2½	3½	210
Portico sides	2	26⅔	2½	3½	470
do front	1	22¼	2½	3½	195
Side wall of room between Central tower & rear hall	2	9¼	2½	3½	162
Step in portico exclusive of slab	1	17¼	5½	3	225
do front & rear	4	10	3	2½	300
do sides	2	20	3	2½	300

Total 15,353

Deduct opening in side wall of Portico

	2	12½	2½	3½	219
Basement slab. Central tower	1	79	4¼	½	168
C.O					387

Brought forward.					357
Corner towers	4	62	3 3/4	1/2	403
Hall in rear	1	153	3	1/2	230
Front Verandah wall.	2	91 2/3	2 1/2	1/2	229 1/2
Front wall of Hall	2	91 2/3	2 1/2	1/2	229 1/2
Rear —do	2	87 1/4	2 1/2	1/2	218
Side —do	2	36 1/4	2 1/2	1/2	90 1/2
Side Verandah.	2	36 1/4	2 1/2	1/2	90 1/2
Rear —do—	2	65 7/8	2 1/2	1/2	165
Rear wall of rear room	2	19 3/8	2 1/2	1/2	48 1/2
Side —do—	2	12	2 1/2	1/2	30
Porch as sides has opening	2	14 3/8	2 1/2	1/2	36
Do front —	1	26 1/4	2 1/2	1/2	28
Side wall of room in rear of Central tower	2	9 1/4	2 1/2	1/2	23

Total Deduction. 2206.

Balance Size Stone in mortar. cft 13147

6 Burnt Stone Slabs 6" thick roughly dressed & fixed. Issue the quantity of Slate as deducted above — 2 × 1987 3974 sft 3974.

7. Cut stone Bases of Pillars fixed in Cement. 2×7 2 1/2 2 1/2 1 1/2 131 1/4 cft 131 1/4.

8. Two lines finely dressed slabs 6" thick & fixed in mortar.

Step in front portico	6	18	1 1/4	(6")	135
Do front & rear Verandah	4×6	10	1 1/4	(6")	300
Do side Verandah.	2×6	20	1 1/4	(6")	300
Top slab of step in portico.	1	18	3	(6")	54

Total 2 lines finely dressed slabs sft 789

9. Two line fine dressing the exposed portions of the Basement slab outside around 1 744 1/2 as 3/4 558
Retaining slab top portion. 1 368 3/4 2 1/2 920

Total dressing 2 lines. 1478 sft 1478

10. Cement Painting

Front Verandah	2	91⅔	3½	640
Side — do —	2	36¼	3½	254
Rear — do —	2	65⅞	3½	461
Card tower	4	48½	3½	679
Rear room	2	23	3½	161
Rear & side of Hall	1	62¼	3½	218
Cordon for steps	1	68	3½	238
Porch around.	1	114½	3½	401

Total Cement Painting 3052 Sq. 3052

11. Cutting holes in slabs for fitting door uprights. 2×42 84 50 84.

II "Town Hall"

Earthwork Excavation

(1)	Hall wall around.	1	288	7	8	15848
(2)	Stage side walls	2	42¼	7	8	4732
(3)	do rear wall	1	38¼	7	8	1862
(4)	Front Verandah wall	1	58	9	8	3816
(5)	do side walls	2	20	9	10	3600
(6)	Lower room Rt & left side walls	2	21¼	9	10	3825
(7)	do front wall	2	6½	9	10	1170
(8)	Side Verandah side walls	4	14½	6	8	2784
(9)	do Retaining wall	2	68⅔	5	8	4990
(10)	Side wall of Stair Case room	2	10	6	8	960
(11)	Pillars in Hall & room	15	8	8	8	7680
(12)	Rear room Right Centre wall	1	33⅓	6	8	1590
(13)	do Rt side wall	1	25½	6	8	1224
(14)	do. left — do —	1	22½	6	8	1080
(15)	do end rear walls	2	12½	6	8	1200

Carried over

	Brought forward.					56361
(16)	Rear room and center hall	2	12	6	8	1248
(17)	Do left side center wall	1	11	6	8	528
	Steps in front.	1	58	4	2	464
	Do sides	2	20	4 3/4	2	380
	Do rear	1	8 3/4	4 1/2	2	74
	Do small	1	4	4 1/2	2	36

Total Earthwork excavation 59091 cyds 218

2. Earthwork filling in Basement.

	Hall 60×77	1	89 1/4	76 1/4	3 1/2	15812
	Stage 30'×40'	1	37 1/4	39 1/4	3 1/2	5117
	Front Verandah 59 1/2×14	1	58 3/4	13 1/4	3 1/2	2725
	Side Verandah 66 2/3×10 2/3	2	65 2/3	10 1/4	3 1/2	4727
	Left & Right center rooms	2	36 2/3	10 2/3	3 1/2	2678
	Left end room	1	27	12	3 1/2	1134
	Right — do —	1	29	10	3 1/2	1015
	Lower room front	2	12 1/4	12 1/4	3 1/2	1050
	Do rear	2	12 1/4	14 5/8	3 1/2	1260

Total. 35518 ~~cyds 1316~~

Deduct masonry pillars

in Hall —	14	3 1/2	3 1/2	2	343
Do	14	2 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	121
Total					474

Balance Earth filling in Basement with watering Tamping etc — 35044 cyds 1298

3. Concrete in Mortar.

Filling in foundation.

(1)	Hall	1	283	7	2	3962
(2)	Stage	2	42 1/4	7	2	1183
(3)	Do	1	33 1/4	7	2	465
(4)	Front Verandah	1	55	9	2	990
(5)	Do	2	20	9	2	720
(6)	Lower room Rt & Left side walls	2	21 1/4	9	2	765
(7)						
	Carried over.					8085

Brought forward.

						8485
(7)	Lower room front walls	2	6½	7	2	234
(8)	Side walls	22	14½	6	2	646
(9)	do	2	62⅞	5	2	1248
(10)	Side walls of chimney	2	10	6	2	240
(11)	Pillars	15	8	8	2	1920
(12)	Rear room right centre wall	1	33⅓	6	2	398
(13)	do	1	25½	6	2	306
(14)	do	1	22½	6	2	270
(15)	do	2	12½	6	2	300
(16)	do	2	13	6	2	312
(17)	do.	1	11	6	2	132
	Step in front	1	58	6	2	696
	do sides	2	20	6	2	480
	do rear	1	10	6	2	120
	do small.	1	4	6	2	48

Total Concrete in mortar. 15485 cft 15485.

4. Stone in mortar

Filling in foundation.

(1)	Hall	1st offset	1	283	5	2	2830
	do	2nd "	1	283	4	2	2264
	do	3rd "	1	283	3½	2	1981
(2)	Staircase side walls	1st	2	42¼	5	2	845
	do	2nd	2	42¼	4	2	676
	do	3rd	2	42¼	3½	2	592
(3)	do rear	1st	1	35¼	5	2	352
	do	2nd	1	36¼	4	2	290
	do	3rd	1	36¾	3½	2	258
(4)	Front bay wall.	1st	1	56	7	2	784
		2nd	1	57	6	2	684
		3rd	1	58	5	2	580
(5)	do side walls	1st	2	20	7	2	560
		2nd	2	20	6	2	480
		3rd	2	20	5	2	400
		4th	2	20	4	2	320
(6)	Lower room left	1st	2	20¼	7	2	567
		2nd	2	19¾	6	2	474
		3rd	2	19¼	5	2	385
		4th	2	18¾	4	2	300

Carried over

Brought forward

(7)	Lower room Front wall	1st	2	8½	7	2	238
		2nd	2	9½	6	2	228
		3rd	2	10½	5	2	210
		4th	2	11½	4	2	184
(8)	Side Ver. Side walls	1st	4	14½	4	2	464
		2nd	4	14½	3½	2	406
		3rd	4	14½	3	2	348
(9)	do Returning wall	1st	2	64⅔	4	2	1030
		2nd	2	64⅔	3½	2	903
		3rd	2	65⅔	3	2	785
(10)	Side wall of Chancel	1st	2	11	4	2	176
		2nd	2	11¼	3½	2	158
		3rd	2	11½	3	2	138
(11)	Pillars.	1st	15	6½	6½	2	1268
		2nd	15	5½	5½	2	903
		3rd	15	4½	4½	2	607
(12)	Rear room Right side	1st	1	35⅔	4	2	291
		2nd	1	35⅔	3½	2	251
		3rd	1	36⅔	3	2	219
(13)	do	1st	1	27½	4	2	220
		2nd	1	28	3½	2	196
		3rd	1	27½	3	2	171
(14)	do	1st	1	24½	4	2	196
		2nd	1	25	3½	2	175
		3rd	1	26½	3	2	160
(15)	do end truss walls	1st	2	12½	4	2	200
		2nd	2	12½	3½	2	175
		3rd	2	12½	3	2	150
(16)	do centre	1st	2	13	4	2	208
		2nd	2	13	3½	2	182
		3rd	2	13	3	2	156
17	do left side	1st	1	11	4	2	88
		2nd	1	11	3½	2	77
		3rd	1	11	3	2	66

Total Stone in Mortar. 26849 cft. 26849.

5. Single stone in mortar (Centre space roughly dressed)

(1) Hall 1 283 3 3½ 2971

Carried over. 2971

Brought forward. 2971.

(3)	Stage	2	42¼	3	3½	887
(4)	do	1	37¼	3	3½	391
(5)	Front Ver	1	58¾	4¼	3½	874
(5)	do	2	20	3¼	3½	435
(6)	Lower room	2	18⅔	3¼	3½	418
(7)	do	2	12¼	3¼	3½	279
(8)	Side Ver.	4	14½	2½	3½	508
(9)	do	2	18⅔	2½	3½	1153
(10)	Side walls of staircase	2	11¾	2½	3½	296
(11)	Pillars	15	3½	3½	2	368
(12)	Rear room	1	36⅔	2½	3½	323
(13)	do	1	29	2½	3½	234
(14)	do	1	27	2½	3½	236
(15)	do	2	12½	2½	3½	219
(16)	do	2	13	2½	3½	228
(17)	do	1	11	2½	3½	96
Step in front excluding slab		1	58¾	3	2½	441
do	side	2	20	3	2½	300
do	rear	1	10	3	2½	75
do	small	1	4	3	2½	30

Total 10,692

Deduction

Basement slab. 1	1	283	3	½	424
2	2	42¼	3	½	127
3	1	37¼	3	½	56
4	1	58¾	4¼	½	125
5	2	20	3¼	½	65
6	2	18⅔	3¼	½	60
7	2	12¼	3¼	½	40
8	4	14½	2½	½	72
9	2	68⅔	2½	½	165
10	2	11¾	2½	½	30
12	1	36⅔	2½	½	46
13	1	29	2½	½	36
14	1	27	2½	½	34
15	2	12½	2½	½	31
16	2	13	2½	½	33
17	1	11	2½	½	14
Total					1358

	Balance Size Stone in mortar					9334 Cft	9334
6	Bevent Stone Slabs 6" thick roughly dressed & fixed. Twice the quantity of Slab as deducted above.	2 × 1358				2716 Sft	2716
	Cast stone Bases of Pillars fixed in Cement	15	2½	2½	1½	141 cft	141.
	Two lines hard dressed slabs 6" thick fixed in mortar						
	Step in front	1×6	59	1¼	(6")	443	
	do side	2×6	20	1¼	(6")	300	
	do rear	6	10	1¼	(6")	75	
	do curve	6	4	1¼	(6")	30	
	Total Slabs					848 Sft	848
7	Two lines fine dressing the exposed portions of the Basement slab outside all round.	1	486¼	3/4		365	
	Top of Retaining wall front	1	59½	4¼		256	
	do sides	2	66⅔	2½		332	
	Total dressing 2 lines —					953 Sft	953
10.	Cement Pointing.						
	Basement all round.	1	486¼	3½		1700	
	Ends of Step in					300	
	Total Cement Pointing					Sqr	20 00
11.	Cutting holes in slabs for fixing door uprights	2×28				56 no	56.

Link between the Municipal Office and the Town Hall

1. Earthwork Excavating foundation

Front wall.	1	24	6	3	1152	
Rear wall	1	20	6	3	960	
Side wall	1	19½	6	3	936	
Rear wall of closet	1	10	6	3	180	
front — do —	1	3¾	6	3	180	
Total					3708 cyd	137

2. Earthwork filling in Basement with hauling tamping, etc

Room	1	9½	23	3½	1570	
do	1	13½	9½	3½	449	
Total					2019 cyd	75

3 Concrete in mortar filling in foundation.

Front wall	1	25	6	2	300	
Rear wall.	1	20	6	2	240	
Side wall	1	19½	6	2	234	
Rear wall of closet	1	10	6	2	120	
front — do —	1	3¾	6	2	45	
Total					939 cft	939

4. Stone in mortar filling in foundation.

Front wall 1st offset	1	26½	4	2	212	
do 2nd		27½	3½	2	192	
do 3rd	1	28½	3	2	171	
Rear wall 1st	1	20	4	2	160	
do 2nd	1	20	3½	2	140	
do 3rd	1	20	3	2	120	
Side wall 1st	1	21½	4	2	172	
do 2nd	1	22	3½	2	154	
do 3rd	1	22½	3	2	135	
Rear of closet 1st	1	12	4	2	96	
do 2nd	1	12½	3½	2	88	
do 3rd	1	13	3	2	78	
front — do — 1st	1	5¾	4	2	46	
do 2nd	1	6½	3½	2	45	
Co					1810	

Brought forward				1810		
Front bay & chest.	1	7¼	3	2	43	
Total				1853	cft	1853

Size stone in mortar
(Center faces roughly dressed).

Basement

Front wall	1	27¼	2½	3½	256	
Rear wall	1	20	2½	3½	175	
Side wall	1	23	2½	3½	202	
Rear bay & chest	1	13½	2½	3½	118	
Front —do—	1	7⅞	2½	3½	69	
Total					820	

Deduct Basement slab
on all walls 1 93⅝ 2½ ½ 117

Balance				703	cft	703.

Burnt Stone Slabs 6" thick
roughly dressed & fixed.

Basement	1	93⅝	2½	1½	234	sft 234.

~~Iron bars fine dressing the exposed portions of slabs~~

faces	1	87½	3/4.		66	sft 66

Cement Pointing

Front & rear	1	67		3½	234	
Open space	1	23		3	69	
Total					303	sft 303

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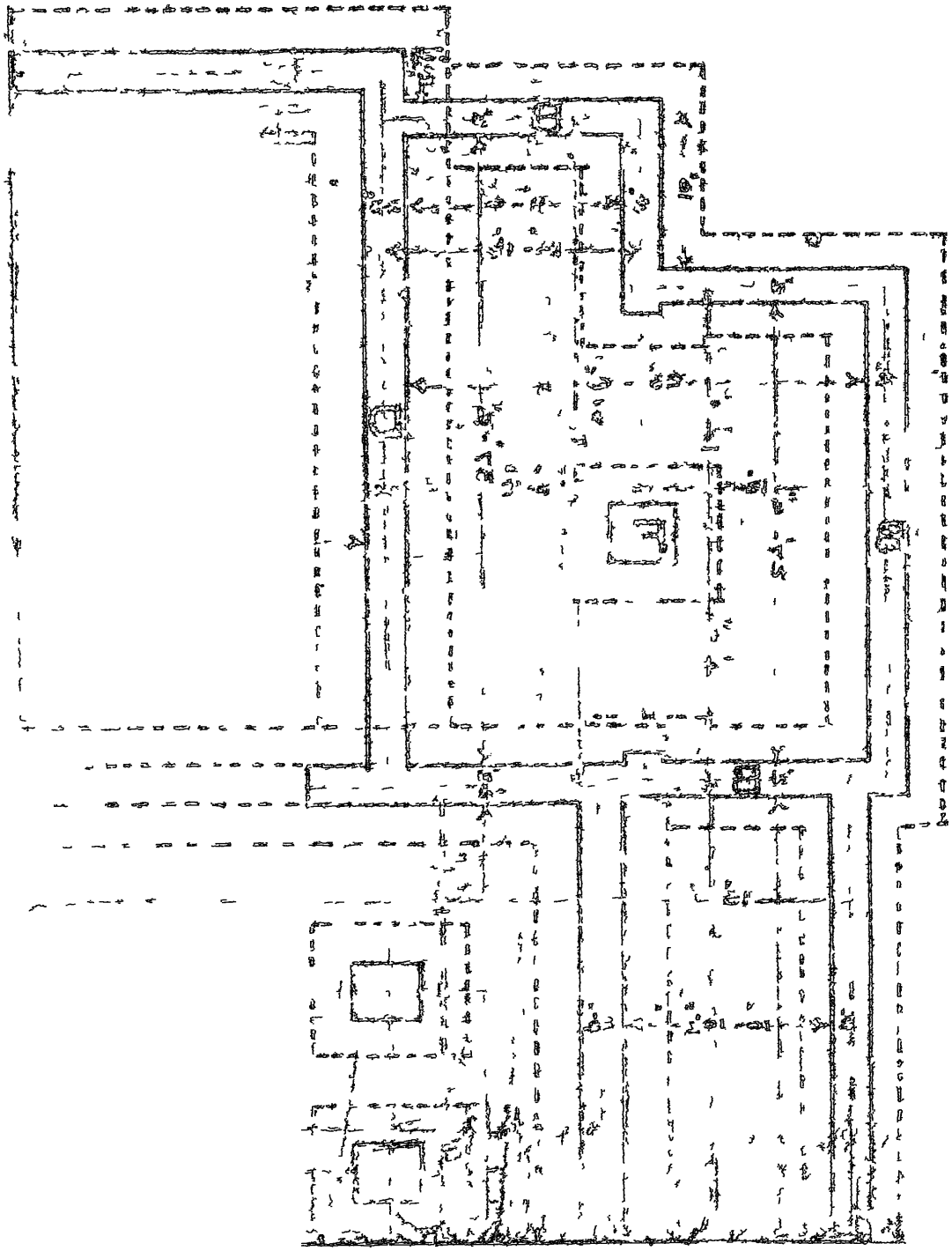

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Modified Abstract of the Cost of Constructing the Municipal Offices and the Town Hall (Foundation & Basement)

(Three Storied Building)

Amount of the Estimate Rs 140.000/-

My more P. W. Department.

Modified General Abstract for the proposed Town Hall and the Municipal Offices

No	Items of Work.	Per	Rate
1	Earthwork Excavating & filling in Foundation	cyd	- 8 -
2	Do filling in foundation		- 4
3	Superior mortar Concrete filling in foundation	cft	- 6
4	Stone in Superior mortar — Do	cft	- 6 5
5	Cize Stones in Superior mortar with bonds & outer faces roughly dressed	cft	8 -
6	Burnt Stone Slabs 6" thick roughly dressed	sft	- 8 -
7	Cut Stone lintels 2½' × 2½' × 1½'	cft	3 -
8	Two lines dressed Slabs 6" thick	sft	- 4 -
9	Two lines fine dressing over	sft	- 6 -
10	Cement Pointing	Sqr	5
11	Cutting holes in slabs for door uprights	No	8 -

Total

Add Contingent provision

Add Petty Establishment & Balving Charges

Grand Total Rupees

Bangalore
Central Office
15-2-1919

Central office

Satin and Basement of the proposed
(original design approved) Kurfock Bungalow

Municipal offices		Town Hall		Link.		Total Cost	Remarks
Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost		
8215	4108	6021	3006	374	187		
4265	1066	3403	851	188	47		
111,180	41694	78616	29481	2202	826		
38,693	15,719	26849	10907	1853	753		
13,147	6574	9334	4667	703	352		
3974	1987	2716	1358	234	117		
131½	394	141	423	–			
789	690	848	742	–			
1478	554	953	357	66	25		
305	152	200	100	30	15		
84	42	56	28				
	72,980		51920		2322	1,27,222	
						6360	
						6418	
						140000/-	

R V Sundaramma
For Chief Engineer Mysore.
P.W. Department.

Report submitted by Messrs [illegible] & Chowdry & Row - Architects, regarding the proposed Bangalore Mun. Offices & Town Hall.

About September of 1914 our firm were by order of H.H. The Maharaja engaged to design the above buildings, together with a Market frontage & a Dispensary.

Two sites were inspected by us in company with others, & we strongly advised building on a site away from close proximity to the market, & with ground for future extensions.

The Ex-Dewan however decided that the site north of the fort was the one to be built upon & we prepared sketch plans accordingly for building on that site.

We were then informed that the north part of the site could not be built upon because of it being filled in ground & a plan was sent us showing which part could be built upon, or in other words which part was natural ground.

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New sketch plans were next prepared with certain modifications approved & we were instructed to prepare 8' scale drawings & estimates for the structures, which were done, & after further alterations of Kind's finally approved. & instructions given to proceed with the detail drawings a considerable portion of which work has been done

Trial pits were dug in parts, & in our opinion, the soil was found to be fairly good, & on being tested with weights was found to stand 3 tons per square foot, but to sink two inches or so when weighted with 4½ tons per square foot

Parts of the ground allotted for building on is evidently not natural soil, but filled in - and the question is now raised as to what is the best thing to do under the circumstances, & we have been asked by your president to give a definite opinion on the subject as, we are told, no-one else seems willing to do so.

We therefore, as your Architects & professional advisers, place on record our opinions as follows & would, in order to avoid further needless delay, advise your acting

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on such opinion.

1. We are strongly of opinion that if a larger & more open plot of natural ground is obtainable, the present site should be abandoned, as the foundations of this site, being different from what was anticipated, will be more costly.

Offices & a Town Hall should be as free from dust noise & market odours as possible & should have a good deal of open space around them.

2. We see no reason whatever why the present designs could not be utilized in their entirety for a new site, as each of the two buildings can stand by itself on a different part of the ground or even on different sites. The connecting block between the Town Hall & the Mun. Offices which contains a Restaurant & Lavatories could be better constructed as a separate block in the Town Hall Compound,

[illegible] on the [illegible] found. Trenches up to date.

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where it would serve not only the public who attend gatherings in the Town Hall, but also the Mun. Office staff.
The reduction in cost by having a single instead of a double floor for this restaurant, is likely to more than cover all ~~costs~~ incurred on the present site, & for shifting the proposed structure to a more desirable position

(3)- Were the buildings erected on the present site, it will be necessary, because of the quality of ground we have to deal with, to have the whole of the foundations put in at one time. This could not be done, because of the Electrical Power House which stands on part of the ground, & is likely to stand there for some time

(4)- We understand that only three or four hundred rupees have been spent on the excavation of the found. trenches up to date

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which is a mere trifle in comparison with the advantage to be obtained from having a more suitable site for such important structures. We cannot place too much emphasis on the fact that the present site does not allow for expansions which may be found necessary in the future.

E W Mitchelley Hon.
Architect.

Bombay.
18/3/19.

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Office of the City Municipal Council,
Bangalore dated 1'th March 1911.

My Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. 11427 dated 7th instant, I beg to state as follows -

1. The net cost of shifting the Transformer "A" Station, chargeable to the scheme of the Town Hall and Municipal Offices, is the cost of the existing building of the Power Station. The Chief Electric Engineer demanded a sum of Rs.5000/- as compensation for the building and this was accepted.

2. The total cost incurred up to date on the Town Hall and Municipal Offices scheme is Rs.16,818-12-2, made up as follows -

	Rs.
Excavating foundations	585-8-0
Testing foundations	176-9-0
Constructing temporary sheds	786-5-3 (a)
Teak wood Model	530-6-0
Material at site .	824-5-2 (b)
Temporary establishment	117-2-0
Other miscellaneous	391-5-9
Mr. Fritchley's fees and Ry.fare vide details given under para(3) . .	13407-3-0
Total .	16818-12-2
deduct a+b	1610-10-5
	15207-1-9

x will be useful for other purposes e.g. market construction

3. The amount paid to Mr. Fritchley is ~~Rs.~~ Rs.13,407-3-0, made up as follows -

	Rs.
Fees charged by Mr. Fritchley at 2½% on the estimated cost of Rs.508362, (2% for sketches and 8' Scale drawings and ½% for estimates)	12709-1-0
Railway Fare.	698-2-0
Total	13407-3-0

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4. It is proposed to get the revised designs and estimates prepared by Mr. D'Cruz, Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division, under the direction of the Chief Engineer and with the assistance of Mr. Subramanyam, Architectural Assistant.

5. Mr. Fritchley has been paid for Sketch Plans, 8' scale drawings and estimates all of which he has prepared and submitted. It is a question whether he should be further consulted in regard to the designs, plans etc.

Yours sincerely,

Honorary President,
Municipal Council,
Bangalore City

Yce
11/3/09

B. Ramaswamaiya Esquire, B A , B.L ,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
B a n g a l o r e

that the opinion of Engineer Members of the Committee as embodied

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, dated 25 — 3 — 1919

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From

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA

K P PUTTANNA CHETTY ESQUIRE, C.I.E ,

Chairman, City Improvement Committee,

Bangalore

To

B Ramaswamaiya, Esqr., B A., B.L ,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Rev Dept., Bangalore

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No.330/C.I dated 21st February 1919, I have the honor to submit herewith a copy of the resolution of the City Improvement Committee which met on the 21s Instant and examined the foundation and carefully considered the report of the Committee appointed to reconsider the question of locating the Town Hall and Municipal Offices

2 I would like to state in this connection that the question of a site for the two buildings was considered again and again, since the formation of the City Improvement Committee in December 1913 The Committee at last under the advice of the Architect Mr Fritchley and with the approval of Sir M Visveswara fixed on the present site opposite the market as the most suitab for the location of these buildings. This was sanctioned by Government in Government Order No. 1813-6 / M1 87-17-5 dated 22nd Sept '17 The plans and estimates having been got ready the foundation work was started last year I think that but for the unfortunate element of doubt introduced into the question of the bearing capacity of the soil to carry the weight of the building we should have made some substantial progress with the buildings by this time Now that the opinion of Engineer Members of the Committee as embodie

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From

The Chairman
City Improvement
Committee
Bangalore

To

The Secretary to
Government of Madras
Revenue Dept.

Dated

Despatched 25-3-1919.

Received

General No 396 C.3

No

Enclosure No one

Submits the opinion of the City Improvement Committee regarding the suitability of the present site for locating the Town Hall and Municipal Offices and requests that early orders of Government may be obtained in the matter.

V.S.
27/3

in the accompanying resolution of the City Improvement Committee is that the soil can safely stand a pressure of one ton per square foot and that this opinion is supported by Mr Fritchley, I think that no more time should be lost in going ahead with the works It is likely to cost some extra money for foundations, about Rs 25 to 30,000 over the original estimate, but it is well worth incurring this extra expenditure which is not prohibitive considering the magnitude and importance of the works and their total cost I request that you may be so good as to move the Government to pass early orders in the matter

x as estimated by Mr Demuys

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

CHAIRMAN

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AT THEIR MEETING HELD ON 21st MARCH 1919

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PRESENT

1. Dewan Bahadur Rajasabha Bhushana E.P.Puttanna Chetty, Esqr., C.I E., (CHAIRMAN.)
2. R.V.Sundaram Iyer, Esqr , B.A., B.C E., (Deputy Chief Engineer)
3. F.G.D'Souza, Esqr , B A., B.L., (Secretary to Govt., Departments of Education and Agriculture)
4. Rajasilpi Visarada Rao Bahadur B Subba Rao, Esqr., (Retired Chief Engineer)
5. S.H.Lakshminarasappa, Esqr., B ARCH (Architectural Executive Engineer)
6. B S.Ranoji Rao, Esqr., B.A , (Chief Officer, City Municipality, Bangalore)
7. F.Fernandes, Esqr , L R C P & S , L F P & S , (Health Officer, Bangalore City)
8. J.E A D'Cruz, Esqr , B C E , A M T P I , (Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division)
9. T.Ramachendra Rao, Esqr , B A , A C E , (Municipal Engineer, Bangalore)
10. S.Venkataranga Iyengar, Esquire
11. B.K Garudachar, Esquire,
12. D.B.Ramachendra Mudaliar, Esquire

ABSENT

1. Srinivasacharya Cadambi, Esqr , B A , L C.E , (Chief Engineer of Mysore)
2. H Ramayya, Esquire,
3. M Hariyanna, Esquire,
4. Yejaman Basappa, Esquire,

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2 To inspect and decide upon altered arrangements proposed by the Special Committee for locating the Town Hall and Municipal Offices with a view to secure safe foundations

RESOLUTION - The Committee met at 8 A M at the site of the Town Hall and Municipal Offices, Mr Fritchley also being present They examined the foundations and trial pits opened in different points of Market Square and also excavation made for foundation of the Tower, where tests of soil pressure had been conducted

After examining the soil, Mr Fritchley definitely expressed the opinion that it was hard enough to bear a pressure of 1½ tons per square foot or more and, personally, he would not hesitate to build on such a soil so long as it was uniform in quality all ove and the intensity of pressure of the building was the same throug out If any settlement should take place, it would be equal all

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lef the Meeting at this stage The committee adjourned to the Municipal Office, where the Special Committee's report and h the site plan and detailed plan of Municipal Office prepared by Mr P.S Subramanyam, Architectural Assistant, who was one of the Members of the Special Committee, were perused Mr P.S. Subramanyam who was present by invitation explained to the Committee how the aesthetic effect will be enhanced by making Municipal Office building one of a single storey, in preference to two or more storeys and by building the Town Hall separately on the opposite side of the Road.

The Committee, after fully discussing the several points in the Special Committee's report agreed, with the exception of one member Mr.Venkataranga Iyengar (Voting being 11 for and one agains with the unanimous opinion of the Special Committee that the site already selected in the Market Square was about the most suitable locality available for building the Town Hall and Municipal Office in spite of the weak bearing area of the soil and should be adhere to. The Committee decided in accordance with the opinion of the Engineer Members present that, by suitable widening of the foundations at no prohibitive cost the pressure on the soil be limited to one ton per square foot instead of 1 2 tons as formerly fixed and that both the Town Hall and Municipal Offices, the latter with two storeys, be built as originally designed by Mr Fritchley on the originally selected sites in the Maidan opposite the Market

The Committee anticipate that the increase in the cost of foundations when revised for limiting the soil pressure to one ton per square foot will be about Rs 25,000/- to Rs 30,000/-, the details of which will be worked out in due course

Sd/ K.P Puttanna Chetty,

CHAIRMAN

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CHAIRMAN

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R. S VI—G/32]

SUBJECT - Re site for the Town Hall & Mun. Office buildings, Bangalore

Diary No of letter replied to 12819

Section Mu
File No 110-19
Serial No 22

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
(L.R.-Mu)
the 191

Date of issue 10.4.19

Signed by M.B.T. Kesavayya

Ent
No 13043 8/10.4.19

To

The Chairman

City Improvement Committee

Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter no 396/C9 of 25 3 1919 regarding the suitability or other of the present site for the location of the Town Hall & Mun Office buildings Bangalore, I am directed to forward herewith copies of letter no. B 2205 of 10th February 1919 from the Chief Engr of Mysore

over

and the report of 18th March 1919 of Messrs Batchelor Rao and to state that the views of the PWD & the said Architects, which are totally different from what is stated in the resolution of the City Improvement Committee referred to in the last letter under reply, indicate that the adherence to the present site involves a serious responsibility. Further, as Govt have promised a contribution of $\frac{2}{3}$rds cost (vide G.O. No. 6317-20 / Ml 97-17-32 dt 9th May 1918), they have to see that the cost is not exceeded beyond a reasonable limit.

I have also to point out that the original estimate for constructing the buildings according to the approved design of 1 floor & 2 storeys on which $\frac{2}{3}$rds cost was promised, was Rs 5½ lakhs and that the last revised estimate for the same including excess cost on a/c of foundations is Rs 7 lakhs.

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(*Continuation sheet draft form*)

Under these circumstances I am directed to request that further work on this site should be stopped as Govt have now resolved to reopen the question of the site and make further investigations

I have &c.

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G R S VI—G/32]

SUBJECT

Diary No of letter replied to

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
( )
the 191

Date of issue 5/5/19

Signed by Mr. BT Keava Iyengar

Section Rel
File No 110-1P
Serial No 26

No R 14079-82

To

(1) The President,
City Municipal Council,
Bangalore.

(2) " Chairman
City Improvement Committee
Bangalore

(3) " Chairman of
the Mysore Chamber of Comm
Bangalore

(4) " Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District

As the site near the Fort approved in G O No 1813-6 M 87-17-5 of 22.9 1917 for the location of the Town Hall and Municipal Office buildings has been found to be unsuitable owing to the unsatisfactory

over

ure of the soil in the
undahous, &c, the Govt
we recommend to re-open the
ution of the site and to
ake further investigations
the matter of ~~selecting some~~
a suitable site in a central
cality for the construction
the sand buildings.

2. I am accordingly
request the favour of
your submitting ~~the~~
1) the views of the Municipal Council
2) the views of the Improvement Committee
3) the views of the Chamber of Commerce
4) your views, as regards – adhering to or not the
~~accepting situation and~~ present site or selecting another
suitable site for the purpose.

List of enclosures.

I have &c.

24.4.19

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Seen to Govt –
Rev Deptt

WILLIAM GRIFFITH

Mysore Chamber of Commerce

Post Box No 38

No. 59. D 14614/17.5.19 Bangalore 13th May 1919

From

W.C.Rose, Esquire, Ml 110-18-28

Chairman, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No R 14097-82/Ml 110-18-26 of 5th instant asking the views of the Chamber as regards adhering or not to the present site for the location of the new Town Hall and Municipal - Offices

In reply, I am desired by my Committee to state that they consider the present site is in every way central and convenient to the majority of the population My Committee are further of opinion that it would be unfortunate if so important a building as a Town Hall should be located away from the present centre of Civic activities But if the selected site should not commend itself to the Government Engineering Department another site in the same Locality should be secured, if necessary, under the --- Land Acquisition Regulation So strong is my Committee in favour of the present Site, they consider that even if the Site -- requires deeper foundation, thereby raising the cost by Rs 50,000 or so, it would be money well spent

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
For the Mysore Chamber of Commerce,

Chairman

Put up for perusal -
The other replies due will be collected & the file put up -
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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore District.

No. C 1130/40 of 1918-19

Dated Bangalore, 25th June 1919.

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From

M.A.Narayana Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

B.Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.R.14079-82/M1.110-18-26 dated 5th May 1919 asking for my views as regards a suitable site for the location of the Town Hall and Municipal office buildings, I have the honor to state that I inspected the present site recently and agree in holding that it is unsuitable for the construction of the two buildings together owing to the unsatisfactory soil in the foundations and the smallness of the area available for construction.

2. The spot now selected in front of the market appears suited for the construction of a Town Hall only, in the centre, with a suitable compound. The Municipal office may well go to another locality in the neighbourhood of the present Reserve Police Lines or elsewhere with a sufficient compound around it, where Municipal stores including the rubbish carts will have to find room and where the large Municipal staff of sweepers and others may congregate for their pay and other business without disturbance to the public traffic in a busy centre like the front of the Market.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

M.A. Narayana Iyengar
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District

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From

The Deputy Commr
Bangalore

To

The Revenue Secretary
to the Govt of Mys
Bangalore

Dated 25-?-Jun 1916

Despatched 26 — Aug

Received 27 JUN 1916

General No C 1130 Ro 1916

No. 470

Enclosure No III

Re a suitable site for the location of the Town Hall Municipal Office Buildings

Mr — Nov. 9 1916

No 492/19.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, dated 5th June 1919

From

DEWAN BAHADUR, RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ, CIE,
Chairman, City Improvement Committee,
BANGALORE CITY

To

B Ramaswamaiya, Esquire, B A, B L,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Revenue Department,
BANGALORE

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.14079-82 Ml 110-18-26 dated 5th May 1919 calling for the views of the City Improvement Committee as regards adhering to the present site or selecting another suitable site for building the Town Hall and Municipal Offices, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of the resolution of the City Improvement Committee on the subject at the last meeting held on 24th May 1919.

2 It is needless to say that the Committee went into the question with an open mind giving full weight to the important considerations regarding the scheme set forth in your former letter No 13043/Ml 110-18-22 dated 10-4-19

3 In the best interests of the City, the Committee consider that no other site than the present one opposite the market is so well -- suited for building the Town Hall and Municipal Offices If another site is to be thought of merely to obviate the engineering difficulty regarding foundations, the Committee are of opinion that there is no other suitable site available even approaching the present one in its other and more important aspects The proper location of a public building in the City being the most important consideration in a --- scheme of this kind, some of the members of the Committee during the

discussion

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From The Chairman City Improvement Committee Bangalore

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore Revenue Department Bangalore

Dated

Despatched } 5th June 19

Received

General No 492 C 9.

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Enclosure No One

Submitting the resolution of the City Improvement Committee in their meeting held on 24th May 1910 adverting to the present site for the construction of the Town Hall and the municipal offices

discussion on the subject cited the example of the Seshadri M rial Hall and made a strong point as to how its utility to the City wo been greatly enhanced if it had been placed in a more central locality in the City

4 As regards the cost of the scheme, the Committee were unable to make out how the Government calculated that it would come up to -- Rupees seven lakhs The City Improvement Committee in their resolution No.2 dated 23rd August 1918, have already decided to reduce the structure of the Municipal Offices to one of two storeys only, i,e., one ground floor and one upper floor as providing all the accommodation required, with a view to reduce the cost of the scheme and keep down the weight on foundations of about one ton per square foot Again in their resolutionNo 2 dated 2nd September 1918, the Committee approved of providing foundations for two floors only The two resolutions above were submitted to Government with my letters Nos 67/C I dated 30-8-18 and 89/C I dated 11-9-18 respectively Besides, the Dewan was kept personally informed of all the developments from time to time and plans in the rough were submitted to him in person and received his general approval At the last meeting, the Committee confirmed their former resolutions to have only two storeys for the Municipal Offices

5 As per approximate details given in the body of the resolution of the City Improvement Committee herewith submitted, the total estimated cost of the two buildings even taking the two liberal estimate of the Chief Engineer at Rs.1,40,000/- for foundations and basement, is -- expected to be not more than Rupees Five and half lakhs, the amount sanctioned for the scheme

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C I R M A N

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Proceedings of the Bangalore City Improvement Committee

Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the City Municipal Office, on Saturday the 24th May 1919 at 8 A M

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P R E S E N T.

1. Dewan Bahadur Rajasabha Bhushana
   K.P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq., C.I.E., (Chairman).
2. R.V. Sundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.C.E.,
   (Deputy Chief Engineer).
3. S.H. Lakshminarasappa, Esq., B ARCH.,
   (Architectural Executive Engineer).
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   (Chief Officer, City Municipality, Bangalore).
5. J.E.A.D'cruz, Esq , B C.E , A.M.T.P.I.,
   (Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division).
6. T. Ramachandra Rao, Esq., B.A., A.C.E.,
   (Municipal Engineer).
7. D.B. Ramachandra Mudaliar, Esquire,
8. B.K. Garudachar, Esq.,
9. F. Fernandes., Esq., L.R.C.P & S., L F.P. & S ,
   (Health Officer, Bangalore City)
10. M. Harianna, Esquire ,
11. S. Venkataranga Iyengar, Esquire

A B S E N T

1. S. Cadumbi, Esq., B A., L C E.,
   (Chief Engineer in Mysore)
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   (Secretary to Government Departments of Education Agriculture)
3. Rajasilpi Vasarada Rao Bahadur
   B. Subba Rao, Esq , B.A., B.C.E.,
   (Retired Chief Engineer)
4. H. Ramayya, Esquire,
5. Yajaman Basappa, Esquire,

Letter No.13043/M1 110-18-22 dated 10-4-1919, from the Secretary Government, Revenue Department, regarding the construction of Town Hall and the Municipal Office on the present site

Also letter No 14079-82/M1.110-18-26 dated 5-5-1919 from the tary to Government, Revenue Department, re opening the question of and requesting to submit the views of the City Improvement Committee regards adhering or not to the present site or selecting another table site for building the Town Hall and the Municipal Office.

Resolution - The Committee have carefully considered the question referred to them by Government and are of opinion that the present site opposite City Market is the most suitable being nearest to the Old City and rally situated so far as civic activities and business life in the are concerned

Any extra cost of foundations that may be necessary is, therefore the opinion of the Committee worth spending in consideration of special advantages of the present site

(3) They are not in a position to suggest any other sites which can command these advantages

(4) The Committee consider that in place of a structure of one floor and two storeys for Municipal Offices referred to by Government and as originally contemplated by the Committee, a two storeyed building as designed by Mr Fritchley provides all the accomodation required and fully answers our purposes as already decided by the Committee and intimated to Government

(5) As regards cost, such a two-storeyed building with the Town Hall as originally proposed will not cost more than Rupees Five and half lakhs is the limit fixed, for both the Municipal Offices and the Town Hall, as per details below -

Cost of superstructure of a two-storeyed Municipal Office, and the Town Hall as originally designed as per Mr Fritcheley's estimate and the rates scrutinized by the Committee	4,10,514
Cost of foundation and basement as estimated by the Chief Engineer	1,40,000
Total-	5,50,514

The total estimated cost is not more than the original estimate of Rupees Five and half lakhs

Mr. S. Venkataranga Iyengar alone dissenting on the question of site suggested the present Municipal Office site or the Garden between the

Mysore

Mysore News & A " Manorama " as alternative sites for the Municipal office and the Town Hall buildings The other members present did not approve of his suggestion.

(Sd) K P. Puttanna Chetty

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C H A I R M A N

Office of the City Municipal Council
Bangalore City, Dated 26-6-1919.

From

Dewan Bahadur Raja Sabha Bhushana
K.P Puttarna Chetty, Esq., C.I.E.,
Honorary President, City Municipal Council,
B A N G A L O R E

To

B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq , B A , B.L ,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Deaprtment, B A N G A L O R E

Sir,

With reference to your letter No R 14079-82/Ml 110-18-26, dated 5th May 1919, on the subject of a site for building the Town Hall and Municipal Office, I have the honour to submit the following report -

2. A special General Meeting of the Council was held this morning at which 18 Councillors were present, and the subject was warmly discussed from all possible standpoints from 7 30 to 11 A M A summary of the discussions is enclosed for the information of Government

3 A few definite suggestions were put forward by some of the Councillors (1) The Town Hall and Municipal Office may be built on the site occupied by Janopakari Doddanna's School which should be acquired for the purpose This proposal was considered impracticable

(2) The two buildings may be erected on the site of the present Municipal Office on the District Office Road, or on the site occupied by the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Stores at Yelahanka Gate There were three votes in favour and 14 against this proposal, which was warmly advocated by Mr Venkataranga Iyengar, Municipal Councillor

(3). But, the chief interest centred in the remaining two proposals One was for adhering to the present site opposite the General Vegetable Market The preponderating opinion was in favor of this site as being the best available and that any additional sum that may have to be spent in securing good foundations would be money well laid out This proposition was carried by a majority of 13 against 4

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(4). The remaining proposal was to build on the maidan occu by the Reserve Police Lines and Parade Ground in the Fort. It was explained that this site had been originally selected by the Cr Improvement Committee but the Dewan decided after personal inspectio with the officers concerned that the site could not be made availabl as building new lines elsewhere would be costly. The proposal was however put to the vote with a view to elicit the opinion of the Council and 11 votes against 7 were recorded in favour of it

4. I beg to forward copy of the Council's resolution for the orders of Government.

5. Taking all the points for and against, my humble opinion is that no better site could be had for the purpose than the one already selected opposite the market.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Honorary President

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Proceedings of the special general meeting of the City Municipal Council, held at the City Municipal Office, on the 16th

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Present

Rao Bahadur Raja Sasha Mahamma Kottayamma Chetty Esq., Vice-President, Honorary President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore.

Councillors

1. Chinnaswamy Chetty Esq.
2. Gulla Siddappa Chetty Esq.
3. C.V. Narasimha Iyengar Esq.
4. Kotakourma Esquire.
5. Govindiah Esquire.
6. Gonda Veeramuthu Chetty Esq.
7. V. Muniyappa Chetty Esq.
8. Munaiya Esquire.
9. R.G. Alasuvami Iyer Esq.
10. M. Krishnamurti Rao Esq.
11. Venkataranga Iyengar Esq.
12. Rev. D. Moses
13. D. Venkatramaiya Esq.
14. Subbaa Khan Esq.
15. Usman Khan Esq.
16. Ramachandra Rao Sindhu Esq.
17. Subbarama Chetty Esq.

Absent

1. Lingappa Iya Esq.
2. Nagappa Esq.
3. Siddaveerappa Esq.
4. Bandappa Esq.
5. Subbaiya Esquire.
6. Venkatarama Iyengar Esq.
7. Ramachandrasami Esq.
8. Ramanapuram Pillay Esq.
9. Nazar Ahmed Esq.

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1 Revenue Secretary's letter No R 14079/M1 110-18-26 dated 5th May 1919, calling for the views of the Council as regards adhering to the present site for the Town Hall and Municipal Office or selecting another suitable site for the purpose.

Also letter dated 28th May 1919, from Mr Karnik Krishnamurti Rao, Municipal Councillor, proposing that Government may be requested to transfer the Electric Transformer Building, near the City Vegetable Market, to the Municipality for purposes connected with the Town Hall

The subject was warmly discussed from all possible standpoints and in addi-

addition to the present site in front of the City Market two other sites were suggested, namely, (1) the Reserve Police Parade Ground in the Fort and (2). the present Municipal Office ground or the one where the Lunatic Asylum and the Medical Stores are situated. After full discussion the subject was put to the vote and the follweing resolution was arrived at.-

Resolution - Resolved that the present site in front of the City Market, being best suited for the purpose, be adhered to. (Voting 13 for and 4 against) / Votes were also taken regarding the other sites with the following results :—

(1) Mr.M K Krishnamurti Rao proposed the site in the Fort near the Reserve Police Lines This was seconded by Mr.R. Gopal-aswami Iyer If this site could be made available 11 declared in favour of it and 7 against it.

(2) Mr. Venkataranga Iyengar proposed that the present Municipal Office site or the one where the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Stores are situated be selected and this was seconded by Mr.D Venkataramiah. (3 voted for and 14 against it)

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(Sd) K.P Puttanna Chetty
Honorary President

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Chief Officer

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

BANGALORE, Dated 26-6-'19.

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Subject - The Site for the Town Hall and the Municipal Office.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The Honorary President began the proceedings by reading to the Members the Government Orders relating to the subject and briefly explained the history of the case, how the City Improvement Committee at first selected the site in the Fort and the next one in the Bamboo Bazaar, how this was condemned by Mr.Fritchley, Architect of Bombay, and how at Mr Fritchley's suggestion the present site opposite the City Vegetable Market was selected and eventually approved by the Government The President also explained the results of the scientific examination of the soil by the Engineers, and the revised estimates for constructing the buildings on the present site as approved by City Improvement Committee

1. Mr.D Venkataramiah, B A , observed that the first thing to be considered was whether there was any necessity for the Town Hall at present, whether it was advisable to spend so much money from Municipal funds, that the Government were not making a gift of it to the Municipality who had to bear 1/3 of the cost, i e. about 2 lakhs and that he would prefer the making a Tramway to make the Extensions more popular and to afford better facilities for merchant classes and others living in the Extensions Coming to the question of the site , he said that the present site was not central and that it could be better used for constructing shops which would pay high rent, that there has been a difference of opinion among the Engineers about the stability of the foundation there and that being so there was no need to speculate, that the place where the Lunatic Asylum is located the Yelahanka Gate Police Station would be more central and preferable to the

the Parade Ground in the Fort or the present site. Later on when it was explained that the question of projecting Tramways is engaging the attention of Government and that it would be soon an accomplished fact Mr. Venkataramiah said that if the ~~transfer~~ tramway would minimise the question of distance he would waive his objection and would prefer the location of the Town Hall and the Municipal Office in the Fort Maidan to the present site which is unsuitable in many ways. He further remarked that the present site is better suited for a medical College or School, that the Town Hall where necessarily large meetings and theatrical shows would be held would be a source of disturbance to the Hospital and that he would for all considerations prefer the Fort Maidan for the purpose

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2. Mr.B Usman Khan who next spoke said that the question before the Council was not whether or not the Town Hall and the Municipal Offices should be constructed, for that had already been decided The question was whether the present site is suitable or not, that the present site was a central one, that objections as to weak foundations could easily be overcome by spending another 30 or 40 Thousand Rupees on foundations, that in Madras, Bombay and other places the Town Hall and Municipal Offices were located in the midst of civic spheres and that in Bangalore the locality now selected is the only place where all civic activities are centered He urged that the question of cost should not frighten us and that all things considered he would vote strongly in favour of the present site

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3 Mr B K Garudachar in approving the present site said that the estimate for the proposed buildings is a very moderate one that the expert opinion pointed to the conclusion that the soil could bear over a ton per sq Foot and more if the foundations were well spread out, that his experience of Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and other places is that the Town Hall and Municipal Offices are situated in central places, that as regards Bangalore

Bangalore the present site is the most central as about 80 thousand of the City population live in the old City and only a small percentage in the Extensions, that it is the place where all civic activities are centered and that no other place would be as suitable as the present one for locating the Town Hall and Municipal Offices. He further observed that the question of Tramway should not be tacked on to this question as Government have done everything to bring Tramcars as soon as possible and are only waiting for materials and that the necessity for having the Town Hall and Municipal Offices was as great as any other convenience needed for the Bangalore City.

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4 Mr.Abbas Khan then spoke at great length and pointed out that when almost every small place has a Town Hall, it is disgrace to Bangalore to be without one, that when great personages came to Bangalore there was not a proper place to receive them and present them with addresses, that the Seshadri Memorial Hall being situated in an out of the way place does not serve any useful public purpose, that Doddanna's Hall is more useful than the Seshadri Memorial Hall, that the location of the Town Hall in the present site is the only solution for the problem and hoped that the Council would unanimously and dispassionately vote in favour of the present site

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5. Mr.S. Venkata Rangaiengar, Municipal Councillor, Malleswaram Division next spoke He said that the present site was the most unsuitable for a Town Hall, that there was a Kalyani with a perennial spring, that it was the bed of a tank formerly that the soil was not good and was saturated with sewage water for ages past, that important buildings ought not to be constructed in such worthless places , that the convenience of those living in the northern parts of the City should also be considered, that all things considered he would vote for the location of these buildings at the present Municipal Office or near the Yelahanka Gate on the site where the Lunatic Asylum now is

He also added that the present site near the market is very noisy and unsuitable for the purpose

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6. Mr.B.V Ramaswami Chetty said that it is a settled fact that they must have a Town Hall and that the question of the site is the only one for consideration, that as regards the present site Engineers have said that with greater expenditure the soil can be made more firm and substantial, that the place is very central and that he would strongly support the proposition to have the Town Hall in the present site, irrespective of cost.

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7 Rev.Mr.D A. Rees said that he would suggest a more heroic measure the acquisition of Doddanna's Hall and its surroundings for the purpose, that he would not stint to spend money to have a monumental building on an imposing ground and that he would therefore prefer the site of the Doddanna's Hall to the one in front of the Market.

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8. MR C V Narasimha Iyengar remarked that the suggestion of Mr.Rees was impracticable, that the present site was central and was the navel of the City, that the money already spent on it should not be wasted, that more moeny which is required to secure strong foundations should be spent to have the Town Hall and Municipal Offices in a central and suitable place instead of locating them near Yelahanka Gate, to be isolated from all active spheres of life He would strongly support the site opposite the market.

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9 Mr H Ramiah said that at first he was not at all for the present site, that he all along considered that the Fort Maidan was better suited for the purpose but had to change his mind when he was told that that site could not be procured. He observed that if there was no objection from an Engineering point of view he would not object to the present site

10 Mr.Veerabhadra Setty, spoke in support of the present site.

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11 Mr.M Karnik Krishnamurti Rao said that the objection raised by the Engineers to the nature of the soil was a bad omen and that he would not therefore vote for the site in front of the market. He said that though the Engineers might guarantee the stability of the site he would not venture to waste public money, that he was not in favour of crowding huge buildings near the market, that the place was very noisy and conjested and not big enough to serve as a garden. If it was considered that they should have a Town Hall, he said that it might be constructed on the site in the Fort with less cost He further observed that the present Transformer House at the Fort Gate might be used temporarily until a new building is constructed

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12 Mr Gopalaswamy Iyer supported Mr Karnik Krishnamurti Rao in having the Town Hall in the Fort Maidan and said that there must be room for expansion which cannot be had if the site opposite the market was adhered to and that the present site is in a very noisy and conjested place and that we must approach Government to give us the site in Fort

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13 Mr Ramachandra Rao Seindhe said that he would vote for the site in Fort and not for the present site

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The Municipal Engineer Mr T Ramachandra Rao explained that there was no difference of opinion among Engineers as to the possibility of building on the site, but only as regards the extra cost of foundations to make them secure and strong.

The Honorary President then summarised the different proposals made by the several speakers and called for the votes of the Councillors.

Hon Honorary President

1918-1919

From

The President
City Municipal
Bangalore

To

The Secretary
to the Government
of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore
Revenue Department
Bangalore

No: 355 & 26-6-1919
Ex.: 2 28.6.19

Subject

Submitting opinion of the City Municipal Council regarding the site for the Town Hall and Municipal Office.

G. W. S. 961

Serial No. 1072

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To Sarvan Bahadur Rajasabha Bhushana K P Puttanna Chetty Esq C President - City Municipal Bangalore

issue 12. 9. 19

by Mr R T Krishna Iyengar

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your No. 355 dated 26th June 19, on subject of a site for the building the Town Hall and Municipal Offices, I am directed to state that after a carefully considered of all the circumstances, the Govt are not in favour of having both

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SUBJECT

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They consider it preferable to have only the Town Hall on the proposed site facing the Market, the Municipal Offices being built on the site of the present Municipal Offices adjoining the District Offices. There seems little to be gained by building the M Offices on the site proposed opposite the Market; it would be ~~[illegible]~~ overcrowding the place and preventing the possibility of future expansion. On the other hand, the site suggested above is quite adjacent to other Public Offices, and all these Public Institutions would make an imposing collection of buildings in the City.

I am therefore to request you to be so good as to get a new plan of the Market Square prepared in accordance with the above suggestions, and

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form.*)

Municipal Office buildings may also be kindly got passed and submitted.

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Please prepare a draft reply for submission

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The Palace, Bangalore,
4th September 1919.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to say that the size of the Town Hall proposed to be constructed in the Bangalore City seems to His Highness to be rather small as at present designed His Highness thinks that a larger sized Hall may be constructed, without materially altering Mr Fritchley's design The additional cost will be trifling and there will be only one building on the whole area and plenty of room for it.

Draft with reg. 20-9-19.

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Yours Sincerely
Mirza M Ismail

Sirdar M. Kantaraj Urs, C S I ,
Bangalore.

SUBJECT

Diary No. of letter replied to

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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Date of issue 24 9 19

Signed by Sd/ R. S. Krishna Iyengar

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File No 110-18
Serial No 52

No R. 413 / 2nd/1
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To
The Secretary,
Bangalore City Municipality

Sir,

In continuation of your letter No R3781 dt 12.9.1919 regarding the selection of suitable sites for the Town Municipal Office building, I am directed to forward herewith for favourable consideration a copy of the letter received from the Huzur Sec'y to His Highness the Maharaja supporting the desirability of having

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a large fired Tower built on the site [illegible] proposed without materially altering the Pirkenhofs design.

A report on the action proposed to be taken in this matter may be submitted to Govt. very early.

Thank

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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Date of issue 24. 9 19

Signed by [illegible]

1 Copy of letter dt 12.9.19 to the President [illegible]
2. Copy of Revenue Secy's letter dt 4.9.19

Section
File No 110-18
Serial No 53

No R 4138.

9.24-9.19

To

The Chief Engineer in

Sir,

I am directed to ~~forward~~ herewith copy of the marginally noted Communication in regard to the construction of Town Hall in the Bangalore ~~I am directed to request you to~~ ~~so good as to give effect to the~~ for favour of ~~take~~ necessary action in accordance with the instructions contained in the Revenue Secy's letter referred to

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OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Bangalore City dated, 22nd. Sept. *19* 19 .

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From

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K. P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ., C I E,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
BANGALORE CITY

270/24/9/19

To

B. RAMASWAMAIYA, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, BANGALORE.

S i r,

Adverting to your letter No.R 3561/M1 110-18-50 dated 12-9-19, passing orders finally fixing the sites for building the Town Hall and the Municipal Office, I have the honour to submit as therein called for, a sketch plan in blue print showing clearly the lay-out of the proposed Market Square as revised and the location with reference thereto of the Town Hall and the out-patient Dispensary of the Victoria Hospital, I may state that the sketch was prepared under instructions received by Mr D'Cruz, Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division, from higher authority

2 It will be seen that the size of the audotorium of the Town Hall has been increased from 77' X 60' to 100' X 70' with a view to provide accommodation for a larger number of persons.

3. I request that the sketch plan may be finally approved by Government and the work ordered to be put in hand without further loss of time

4 The sketch showing the site for the Municipal Office will be submitted separately

I have the honour to be,
S I R,
Your most obedient servant,

KPPutta Chetty

D. O. 99

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BANGALORE,

Dated 23 Septr 1919

My dear sir,

Dy 2294 / 24-9-19

Please see my official letter No 95/C2 of 22d instant in which a cryptic allusion to higher authority has been made

I should like to explain for the Dewan's information that the sketch was prepared under the personal instructions of the Huzur Secretary when the question was pending before

His Highness the Maharaja
The shape of the market square
& the exact location of the several
buildings were marked in
accordance with those instructions

yours sincerely
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To Ramaswamaiya Esqr
Secretary to Govt
Revenue Deptt

CE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, dated 2nd October 1919

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DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA
K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ, C I E,
Honorary President, Municipal Council,
BANGALORE CITY

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B. RAMASWAMAIYA, Esq., B.A. B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, BANGALORE.

S i r,

With reference to your letter No.R.4137/Ml.110-18-52 dated the 24th instant forwarding copy of D.O.No.128 dated the 4th September 1919 from the Huzur Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore suggesting the desirability of having a larger sized Town Hall, I have the honour to state that the sketch plan submitted with my letter No.95/C.I. dated the 22nd ultimo provides accordingly for a Town Hall with a bigger auditorium than the one originally proposed.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

for Honorary President.

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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BANGALORE,
Dated 17th Nov 1914

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5-11-14.

My dear Sir,

Please refer to my letter No 95/C 9 dated 22nd September 14 on the subject of locating the Town Hall. I shall feel much obliged by your kindly substituting the plan herewith sent for the one forwarded with that letter. I enclose for information copy of

Huzur Secretary's D O No 430
of 10th October 1919 to Mr.
D'cruz, Executive Engineer
City Improvt Dn
Early orders of Government
are solicited -

yours sincerely
[illegible]

B. Ramaswamaiya Esq
Secretary to Govt
Revenue Deptt

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To Raja Sabha Bhushana Dewan Bahadur K P Puttanna Chetty Esq C I E Hony Prest - B'lore Cst - Mil Cl

Date of issue 13 11 19

Signed by Mr B Ramaswamaiya

My dear Sir

With reference to your D O. Letter No 148 dated 4th instant, I am desired to request that the modification suggested by the Huzur Secretary to His Highness, in his communication to the Executive Engr - Cst - Irrigt - Dn may be incorporated in the plan, herewith returned, and the same retransmitted

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SUBJECT

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Trial orders of sorting may be [illegible] awarded for putting the work on board

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CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BANGALORE

Dated 17th Nov 1919

My dear sir,

your D O letter no 3656 of 13th instant

The plan sent by me embodies all the modifications as per final personal instructions given by the Huzur Secretary to the Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division after discussing the details with him

I return the plan herewith
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yours sincerely
[illegible]

P. Ramaswamy Esqr
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, dated, 2 [illegible] November 1919.

From

DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA SABHA BHUSHANA

K P PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQ, C I E,

Honorary President, Municipal Council,

BANGALORE CITY

To

B RAMASWAMAIYA, ESQR, B A, B L,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore Rev Dept,
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to the last para of your letter No R 3561/M1 110-18-50 dated the 12th September 1919, calling for a plan of the site showing the exact location of the Municipal Office, I have the honor to submit herewith a survey plan of the present site and the proposed location of the new building, prepared by Mr D'Cruz, Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division. This plan was placed before the Bangalore City Improvement Committee which met on the 8th instant and was approved by them. I enclose a copy of resolution of the Committee for the information of Government

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K P Puttannachetty

Honorary President

Proceedings of the Bangalore City Improvement Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the City Municipal Office, on Saturday the 8th November 1919.

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PRESENT.

1. Dewan Bahadur Rajasabha Bhushana
K.P.PUTTANNA CHETTY, ESQR , C.I.E., (CHAIRMAN)

2. P.G.D'Souza, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to Government, Department of Edn & Agri.

3. B.S.Ranoji Rao, Esq., B.A., Chief Officer

4. J.E.A.D'Cruz, Esq., B C.E., A.M.T P I ,
Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division

5. T.Ramachandra Rao, Esq , B A., A C.E ,
Municipal Engineer

6. F.Fernandes, Esq., L.R.C.P & S , L F P & S ,
Health Officer, Bangalore City

7. B K.Garudachar, Esquire

8. Yejaman Basappa, Esquire

ABSENT

1. S Cadambi, Esq , B.A., L C E.,
Chief Engineer in Mysore

2. Rajasilpivisarada Rao Bahadur
B Subba Rao, Esq , B A , B C E , Retired Chief Engineer
Krishnaraja Sagara Works

3. R V Sundaram Iyer, Esq , B A., B C E , Deputy Chief Engnr ,

4. S H Lakshminarasappa, Esq , B Arch , Architectural
Executive Engineer, Mysore

5. H Ramayya, Esquire

6. D B Ramachandra Mudaliar, Esq , Superintendent, Mysore
Government Press, Bangalore

7. S Venkataranga Iyengar, Esquire

8. Mandy Hariyanna, Esquire.

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4. Site plan of the Municipal Offices showing the location of the New Building thereon as proposed by the Executive Engineer City Improvement Division

Resolution

<u>Resolution -</u> (1) The sketch showing the proposed location of the Municipal Offices in the present site of the Municipal Offices was approved

(2) Executive Engineer, City Improvement Division, was requested to prepare detail plans of the buildings and place them for opinion before the Committee of Engineers above referred to.

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Sd/ K P Puttanna Chetty,
Chairman
City Improvement Committee

" C O P Y "

K P Puttannachetty
Honorary President

Small Map

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read Again:-

Para 2 of Government Order No.1813-6/Ml. 87-17-5 dated 22nd September 1917 sanctioning the location of the Town Hall and the Municipal Office Buildings on the site of the existing --- Transformer A. Station near the Fort, Bangalore City.

2. G.O.No.6317-20/Ml.87-17-32 dated the 9th May 1918 sanctioning a revised programme of - improvement works in the Bangalore City including therein the scheme for the construction of the Town Hall and Municipal Office Buildings -- at a cost of Rs.5½ lakhs and indicating also the mode of financing it.

3. Correspondence ending with the Revenue -- Secretary's letter No.R.3561/Ml.110-18-50 dated the 12-9-1919 fixing finally the site facing - the City Vegetable Market for the location of - Town Hall Building and the site, on which the present Municipal Office Buildings adjoining - the District Officers stand, for the new Municipal Office and requesting the President of - the Bangalore City Municipal Council to submit the sketch plans showing the exact location of the buildings for the approval of Government.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No.148/ C.I. dated the 4-11-1919 from the President, - Bangalore City Municipal Council, submitting as called for, a sketch plan prepared in accordance with the instructions received from - time to time by the Executive Engineer, City - Improvement Division, indicating clearly the lay-out of the proposed market square and

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location with reference thereto of the Town Hall and the outpatient Dispensary of the Victoria Hospital.

5. Letter No.158/C.I. dated the 26-11-1919 from the same officer submitting another plan showing the site of present Municipal Offices and the proposed location of a new Building thereon.

Order--No. 7477-9 / Ml 110-18-6

Dated 7 January 1920.

Subsequent to the sanction accorded in the G.O. - of 22-9-1917 directing the location of the Town Hall and Municipal Office Buildings on the site of Electric Transformer & Station, the question of the -- suitability of the site for the purpose intended, -- in view of the uncertain nature of the soil, was -- re-examined, and the soil subjected to several tests by a body of Engineers and by Messrs. Fritchley & Sons of Bombay. The results of the investigation -- showed that the soil was unsuitable, and accordingly the Government requested the Chairman, City -- Improvement Committee, Bangalore, to stop further - work in connection with the buildings in question - pending further investigation.

The whole subject was thoroughly examined again and Govt. arrived at the decision that it was undesirable to have both the Town Hall and the Muni. - Office Buildings in one and the same place, and -- directed that only the Town Hall should be located on the site facing the Market, and that the Muni. - Offices should be built on the site of the present Muni Offices adjoining the District Offices. Site - plans in accordance with these changes were accordingly called for, and have now been submitted by the -- President showing exactly the location of the two - buildings -

buildings in question. The said site plans are approved.

The President is requested to have detailed -- plans and estimates prepared separately for the - Town Hall and Municipal Office Buildings and to -- submit them early for the sanction of Government.

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20/12/19 Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

To

The President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore with plans.

" Chairman, City Improvement Committee, B'lore

" Chief Engineer of Mysore.